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May 14th, 2010

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Dear Anne:

**Re: Approval for Placement of Area 1 Waste Rock and Overburden
Minto Mine – QML-0001**

Your request to increase the total tonnes of waste rock and overburden originating from the Area 1 Pit was received in my office on May 14th, 2010. This tonnage increase is requested for the combined total of all material placed in the Main Waste Dump ("MWD"), the Reclamation Overburden Dump ("ROD") and the Southwest Waste Dump ("SWD").

I approve this increase in total amount of waste material from the current amount of 11,621,233 cubic meters to the requested amount of 17,800,000 cubic meters. This approved total includes waste rock and overburden material. This approval is subject to the following condition:

1. The maximum design capacity for each storage facility, being the MWD (11,621,233m³), ROD (550,000m³) and SWD (24,621,233m³), must not be exceeded.

I wish to remind you that as per condition 6 of the SWD Approval dated October 30th, 2008, any and all material placed in the MWD, the ROD and the SWD must originate from Area 1 mining operation. No material may be placed within these dumps from the development of any other deposits.

Also, pursuant to section 9.1.5 of Quartz Mining License QML-0001 for the Minto Mine, waste rock and overburden must be stored separately and be deposited or stored, as the case may be, in dumps designed for these materials.

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All requirements of QML-0001, MWD approval letter dated April 11th, 2006, ROD approval letters dated December 20th, 2007 and March 25th, 2008 and SWD approval letter dated October 30th, 2008 remain in effect.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867)667-3126.

Sincerely,



Robert Holmes
Director, Mineral Resources

cc: Chief Darin Isaac, Selkirk First Nation
Kevin McDonnell, Director, Water Resources
Josef Hanrath, NRO Whitehorse