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Alan Ehrlich, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938,
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

**Re: Miramar Con Mine Limited (MCML) – Referral of Miramar Con
Mine Ltd. Water License Extension to EA under the MVRMA**

It is the opinion of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management – Western Arctic Area (DFO) that the interpretation as to the applicability of Section 157.1 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* to the water licence extension for Miramar Con Mine Ltd. should be addressed by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

DFO appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above. Please contact me at (867) 669-4927 if you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail.

Sincerely,

Ernest Watson
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cc D. Majewski, DFO-FHM