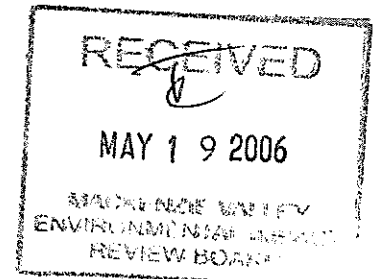




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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Mr. Ehrlich

MIRAMAR CON MINE LTD., EA0607-001.
Preliminary Screening of the Miramar Con Water License Extension.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has reviewed the above request for comments by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board on the applicability of section 157.1 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) to the City of Yellowknife's referral of the Miramar Con Mines Ltd's water license extension to Environmental Assessment.

Department of Environment and Natural Resource's position is that decisions on whether a project should be grandfathered under section 157.1 of the MVRMA rests with the Mackenzie Environmental Impact Review Board.

Given the above, we are unable to provide any direction to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at 873-7244.

Sincerely

Gavin More
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