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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 2130
200 Scotia Centre
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P6
c/o Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott, Chairperson

RE: MVEIRB letter requesting views on Miramar Con Mine Water License extension and applicability of MVRMA s 157.1 to this development.

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2006 concerning the referral of the above as a Request for a Ruling. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the Review Board's request and the correspondence from Miramar Con. At this time we do not have a position to put forward concerning the applicability of s. 157.1 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* to this matter.

INAC has previously set out views on the Miramar Con Mine Water license activities in letters to the Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board on October 11, and November 30, 2005. These letters are available on the Land and Water Board public registry.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-2647 or Lionel Marcinkoski at (867) 669-2591.

Yours sincerely,

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