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Mr. Dave Nickerson  
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Dear Mr. Nickerson:

**RE: GERRY HESS, MON PROPERTY - LEVEL 1 SCREENING**

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to the Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order (1984), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has conducted an environmental screening of the Mon Property project as described in the Water Licence application submitted to the Northwest Territories Water Board. A copy of the Screening Decision Summary form is enclosed for your records.

The application and supporting documentation (project description) was distributed to a number of federal and territorial agencies and public interest groups to allow them to identify their concerns and advise INAC accordingly. Based upon the comments received, it is INAC's decision that the potentially adverse effects and/or public concerns are mitigable with known technology and the project can proceed through the regulatory process.

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Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-8498.

Sincerely,



Angus Robertson  
Director  
Renewable Resources and  
Environment

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cc: Yellowknife District

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**LEVEL I SCREENING DECISION SUMMARY**

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION** Applicant: Gerry Hess  
 Licence Application:  Renewal:  Amendment:  Other:   
 Present Licence Number: NI-3-1598  
 Date of Application: 01/08/92 Proposed Date of Undertaking: 1/05/92  
 Submission Title: water licence for milling at the MON property  
 Location: NW end of Discovery Lake, NWT  
 Project Description: water use/waste disposal at a small gold mine

**SCREENING CRITERIA**

Component	Summary of Impact				Significant Information Deficiencies?	
	None/Negligible	Minor	Mitigable	Major	Major	Minor
<b>Bio-Physical</b>						
Plants/Animals	X					
Fish Habitat/Utilization	X					
Water Quality			X			X (re permafrost)
Hydrologic Regime	X					
Soils	X					
Groundwater	X		X			
Surfacewater	X					
Air Quality	X					
<b>Socio-Economic</b>						
Public Concerns	X					
Land/Water Use	X					
Resource Users	X					
Employment	X					
Land Claims	X					
<b>Others</b>						
Consequence of Accidents	X		X			
Public Health/Safety	X					
Cultural	X					

Comments: The project as described is not expected to result in or cause environmental problems that cannot be mitigated.

Benefits of Undertaking: This project will provide economic benefits to the NWT, and will provide the opportunity for proper abandonment & restoration of an earlier worked minesite

**LEVEL I SCREENING RECOMMENDATION**

- Automatic exclusion, project proceeds through regulatory process.
- No significant adverse effects or identified public concerns, project proceeds through regulatory process.
- Potentially adverse effects and/or public concerns may be mitigated with known technology, project proceeds through regulatory process.
- Project proceeds through regulatory process with conditions (Attached).
- Potential adverse impacts or further study required or significant public concern; recommend referral to Level II screening.
- Project on Comprehensive Study list; automatic referral to Level II.

Prepared by: Greg Cook Signature Title: Special Projects Date: Jan. 15/92  
 Recommended by: John Wittenman Signature Reg. Mgr. Water Resources Date: 27 Jan '92  
 Approved by: [Signature] Signature Director, Ren. Res. & Env. Date: 27/1/92

Major information deficiencies are those that will require further indepth study at Level II. Minor information deficiencies are those that are acceptable for Level I screening to proceed.