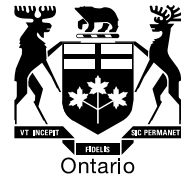


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Dear Mr. Stoll:

**Re: Northgate Mineral Corporation
Application for leave to construct Transmission Facilities
Application Board File Number EB-2010-0150**

Please note that in regard to your March 5, 2010 application for leave to construct Transmission Facilities, the Board has assigned File Number EB-2010-0150 to this application to replace the previously assigned Board File Number EB-2009-0299. The reassignment is a result of the number of months lapsed between the initial request for assignment of a file number on July 23, 2009 and the date of the filing of the application on March 5, 2010. Having a meaningful tracking system through the file numbering system requires filing of an application at or very shortly following assignment of a file number.

Please refer to the assigned file number EB-2010-0150 in all future correspondence to the Board regarding this matter. All information related to this matter must be filed with the Board Secretary.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Nabih Mikhail, Project Advisor at (416) 440-8103 or nabih.mikhail@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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