

EB-2010-0192

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. for an electricity wholesaler licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER

Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. filed an application on May 12, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for an electricity wholesaler licence.

The applicant is currently engaged in purchasing electricity in the IESO-administered markets. As prescribed under section 57 of the Act, all entities purchasing electricity in that market are required to hold a licence. The applicant was previously licensed by the Board under the electricity wholesaler licence EG-2001-0815 which expired in April of 2007. The applicant requested an interim licence until final determination of the current licence application.

Considering the time required to process an application in accordance with the Board's established practice and procedures, and considering the applicant's activities, it has been found to be in the public interest to issue an interim order under sections 21(7) and 6(4) of the Act granting a short-term electricity wholesaler licence to the applicant pending final disposition of the matter.

The applicant should note that no final decision on the application has been made and that the granting of this interim order is not an indication that a longer term licence will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. An electricity wholesaler licence is granted to Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.
- 2. The licence will be valid for a period of 3 months from the date of this interim decision and order or until the Board makes a final decision on the electricity wholesaler licence application, whichever is earlier.

DATED at Toronto, May 19, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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