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Dr. Sheila Wynn, Deputy Minister, and
Mr. Norman Ringstad, Project Director
Environmental Assessment Office
2nd Floor - 836 Yates Street
Victoria, B. C. V8W 9V1

Dear Dr. Wynn and Mr. Ringstad:

Re: Renewal of Project Approval Certificate M98-03
(formerly Mine Development Certificate 92-06)

Newhawk Gold Mines Ltd. ("Newhawk", a wholly owned subsidiary of Silver Standard Resources Inc.) hereby makes application under section 35 of the Environmental Assessment Act for an extension of the above noted Project Approval Certificate for a further three-year period. The current expiry date is September 20, 2000.

The Sulphurets gold-silver property has been explored by the Sulphurets Joint Venture since the mid-1980's. To date, in excess of \$40 million has been spent by the joint venture with Newhawk as operator and 60% owner of the claims.

Newhawk on behalf of the joint venture and with the full support of its controlling shareholder, Silver Standard Resources Inc. has completed extensive surface and underground exploration in conjunction with appropriate environmental reports and a full feasibility study. Newhawk and its joint venture partner have been unable to advance the property to a point where production is justified due to the depressed precious metal prices. Metal prices are cyclical and a return to US\$400 gold would improve the viability of the project significantly.

To this end we are requesting a three-year extension of the Project Approval Certificate to allow time for the company to further explore avenues for the advancement of the

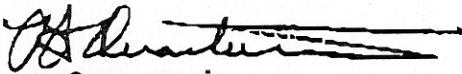
property. No changes in the terms of the current Project Approval Certificate are requested.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past and we look forward to working with you in the future.

If you have any further comments or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

NEWHAWK GOLD MINES LTD.



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