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Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed a copy of our news release issued by Alison Robinson, of Novawest Resources Inc., dated April 16, 2002 for your records.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alison Robinson".

Alison Robinson
Corporate Secretary
NovaWest Resources Inc.

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File No. 82-3822
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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
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