TABLE 1 COMPONENT FCRP REPORTS

Water License Reference	Report				
G3	Final Closure and Reclamation Plan				
G4	Reclamation Cover Designs				
G5	West Twin Disposal Area Talik Investigation				
G6	Borrow Areas Development and Closure Plan				
G7	West Twin Disposal Area Surface Cell Spillway Design				
G8	Waste Rock and Open Pit Closure Plan				
G9	Reclamation and Closure Monitoring Plan				
G12	Annual Review of Reports G3 to G9 and Submission, for				
	Approval, of Proposed Modifications				
G13	Report on Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Program				
G14	Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)				
G15	West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan				
G16	Underground Mine Solid Waste Disposal Plan				
G17	Landfill Closure Plan				
G20	Annual Review of Reports G15 to G17 and Submission, for				
	Approval, of Proposed Modifications				
G21	Annual Reclamation Liability Cost Update				
G22	2007 Terms of Reference for Comprehensive Assessment of				
	Mine Site Remediation				

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TABLE 2
COMPARISON OF SPILLWAY ALTERNATIVES

Location	Option	Inlet Elevation (m)	Over excavation of tailings required?	Estimated Amount of Cover Material Required
1	la	388	No	Most $\approx 1,000,000 \text{ m}^3$
	1b	386	Yes	$\approx 750,000 \text{ m}^3$
2	2a	388	No	$\approx 900,000 \text{ m}^3$
	2b	386	Yes	$\approx 750,000 \text{ m}^3$
3	3a	387	Yes	$\approx 900,000 \text{ m}^3$
	3b	385	Yes	$\approx 600,000 \text{ m}^3$
4	4	384.5	No	Least $\approx 550,000 \text{ m}^3$

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TABLE 3 KEY WATER LEVELS – SURFACE CELL

Surface Cell

Normal Water Level: Elev. 384 m
Water Level during 100-year storm conditions: Elev. 394.2 m
Peak Water Level (during design storm (PMP): Elev. 384.6 m

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TABLE 4 KEY WATER LEVELS – RESERVOIR

Normal Water Level: Elev. 369.0 m
Water Level during 100-year storm conditions: Elev. 369.1 m
Peak Water Level (during design storm (PMP): Elev. 369.3 m

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TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF PEAK FLOWS VELOCITIES AND DEPTHS

Structure:				
Design Conditions:	100)-yr	PI	ИP
Peak flow, m ³ /s	1.35		5.2	
Channel Slope, %	1%	5%	1%	5%
Width, m	6	6	6	6
Peak Flow Depth, m	0.23	0.14	0.52	0.31
Peak Flow Velocity, m/s	1.0	1.6	1.7	2.8

TABLE 6 EROSION PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

Spillway Gradient	Material Exposed	Erosion Protection Layers (Thickness)
	Intact Rock	None
	Frost Shattered Rock	Type 2 (0.45 m)
0 - 1% Slope	Overburden	Type 2 (0.45 m) ON Type 3 (0.3 m)
	Intact Rock	none
	Frost Shattered Rock	Type 1 (0.6 m) ON Type 2 (0.45 m)
1% - 5% Slope	Overburden	Type 1 (0.6 m) ON Type 2 (0.45 m) ON Type 3 (0.3 m)

Notes:

- 1. Thicknesses are measured perpendicular to slope
- 2. Material Descriptions
 - Type 1 Rip Rap Boulders, D₅₀ = 300 mm
 - Type 2 Erosion Protection Cobbles and Boulders, $D_{50} = 100 \text{ mm}$
 - Type 3 Filter Sandy Gravel (i.e. Twin Lakes Gravel)
- 3. D₅₀ mean particle size

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TABLE 7
PRELIMINARY MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Sieve Size	Material Type and Percent Passing						
	Type 1 - Rip Rap	Type 2 - Bedding /Erosion Protection	Type 3 - Filter (Twin Lakes Grave)				
600	100	-	-				
450	100-0	-	-				
300	20-0	100	100				
150	0	100-30	100-85				
75	M M	28-0	100-75				
50		15-0	100-65				
25.4	120,0004	0	70-40				
19			67-40				
12.5			55-25				
9.5			45-12				
4.75			35-0				
2.38			30-0				
1.16			23-0				
.6			20-0				
.3			13-0				
.15			8-0				
.075			5-0				

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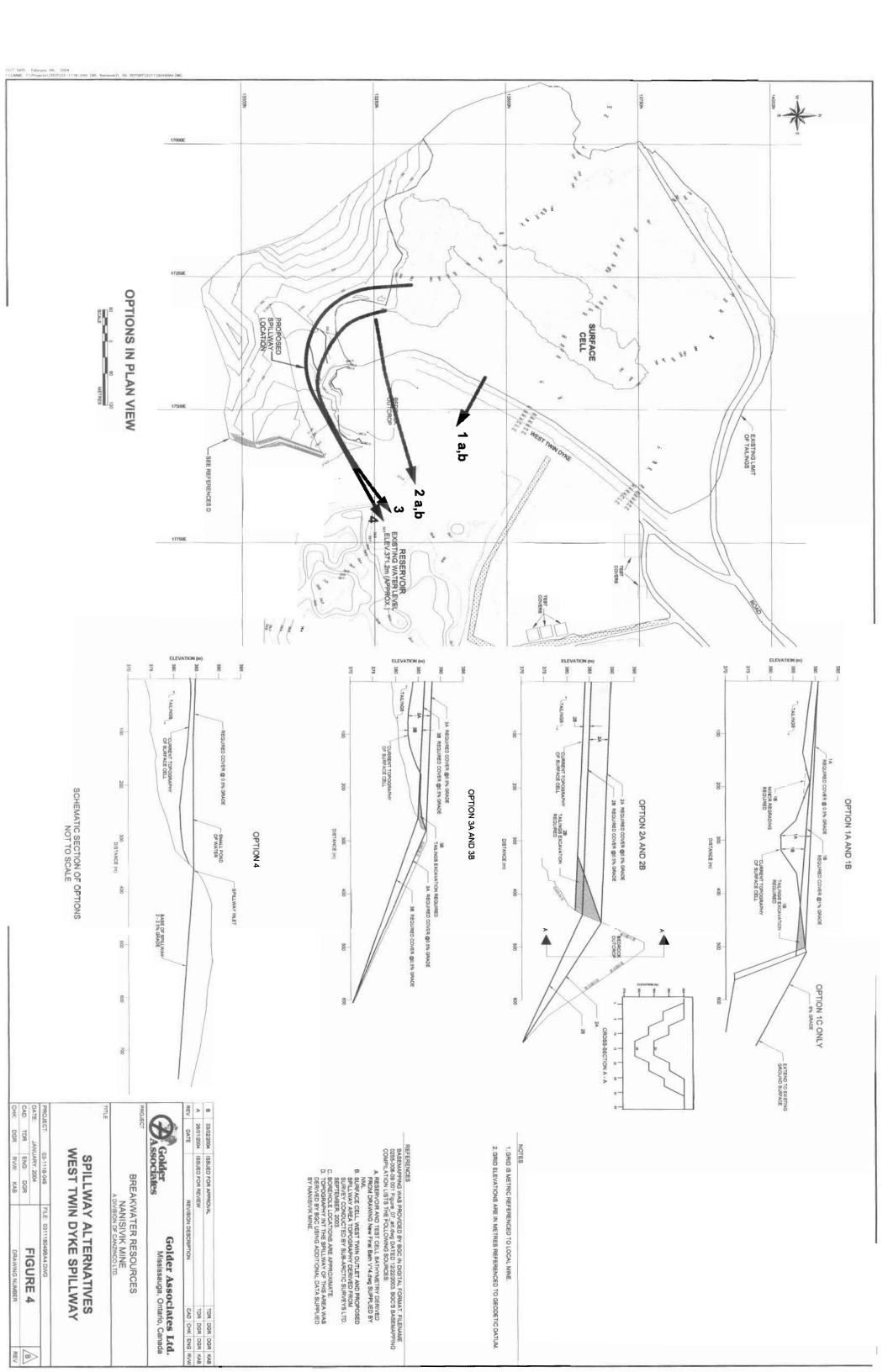
TABLE 8 ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION QUANTITIES

Location	Construction Items							
	Excav	ation Volume	s (m ³)	Fill Volumes (m ³)				
	Overburden Excavation	Frost- Shattered Bedrock	Intact Bedrock	Rip rap (Type 1)	Erosion Protection (Type 2)	Bedding (Type 3)		
Inlet / Chute	21,800	9,800	3,400	225	250	75		
Plunge Pool	1,500	300	-	200	150	75		
Outlet Channel	10,050	1,950	-	1,275	1,200	250		
Sub-totals	33,350	12,050	3,400	1,700	1,600	400		
Grand total		48,800 m ³			3,700 m ³			

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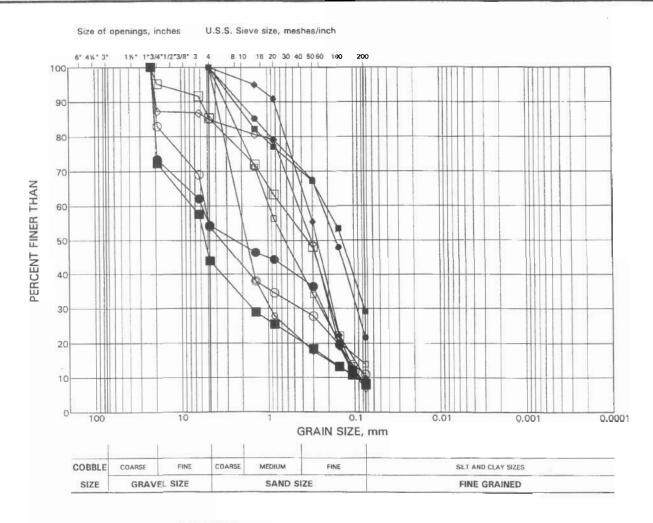




GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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FIGURE 5



LEGEND			
SYMBOL	LOCATION	SAMPLE	DEPTH (m)
•	BGC03-05	25	0.3
•	BGC03-05	27	1.9
•	BGC03-06	35	2.5
0	BGC03-16	98	1.7
	BGC03-17	103	7.1
\Diamond	TP02-01	S1	1.4
•	TP02-01	S2	0.7
-	TP02-02	S3	1.6
0	TP02-04	S4	1.1
	TP02-05	S5	1.4

APPENDIX A SUMMARY OF GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

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1.0 2002/ 2003 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS - PROPOSED SPILLWAY AREA

A staged geotechnical investigation was conducted in 2002 and 2003 to gain a better understanding of the ground conditions in the proposed spillway area near the south abutment of the WT Dike. The staged approach was adopted to make use of people and equipment on site and to concentrate efforts during future investigations on satisfying information requirements identified during previous investigations. This memorandum has been prepared to summarize the results of the geotechnical investigations and subsequent geothermal monitoring conducted in the proposed spillway area.

1.1 Geotechnical Investigations

A total of 14 boreholes were drilled and 8 test pits were excavated in the proposed spillway area in 2002 and 2003. The location of each borehole and test pit is shown on Figure 1. A summary of the relevant borehole information is included in Table 1 and the borehole logs are included in Appendix I. The boreholes and test pits were completed during the investigations conducted in May and July 2002 and May 2003. The following sections describe the activities and results of each investigation.

In May 2002, Nanisivik Mine staff supervised the drilling of 9 boreholes (BH-1 through BH-9) in the proposed spillway area. The locations of each borehole are illustrated on Figure 1. The drilling was completed with the mine's Atlas Copco 262 diamond drill. Chilled brine was used as a drilling fluid and BQ-size (36.5 mm diameter) core was recovered when possible using a double tube sample barrel. Recovered samples were visually logged for lithology by the mine geologist and stored for subsequent review by a geotechnical engineer. Geotechnical logs were produced upon a subsequent review by a geotechnical engineer in July 2002. No instrumentation was installed in any of the boreholes completed during this investigation. The location and elevation of each borehole were surveyed by the mine surveyors.

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In July 2002, Mr. Jim Cassie, P.Eng. of BGC Engineering Inc. (BGC) supervised a geotechnical test pit program to observe the near surface soil conditions in the proposed spillway area. A total of 8 test pits (TP-1 through TP-8) were excavated within the proposed spillway area. The test pits were excavated using a John Deere 892E LC excavator from the mine. Recovered samples were visually logged for lithology, grain size and moisture content and a geotechnical log was created for each test pit. Select samples were sent to the mine laboratory for index testing including moisture content and grain size analysis. Coordinates and elevations of the test pits were estimated using field measurements and available topographic information.

In May 2003, Mr. Gerry Ferris, P.Eng. of BGC supervised the drilling of 5 geotechnical boreholes in the proposed spillway area (BGC03-04, 03-05, 03-06, 03-16 and 03-17). The drilling was completed in a similar fashion to that described for the May 2002 investigation. Recovered samples were visually logged for ice content and grain size and a geotechnical log was created for each borehole. Select samples were sent to the mine laboratory for index testing including moisture content and grain size analysis. Additional samples were selected for transport to Calgary and sent to a soil laboratory for additional testing. Thermocouples were installed in the boreholes to monitor ground temperatures. The boreholes drilled in the proposed spillway area during the May 2003 geotechnical investigation were surveyed during the site survey conducted by Sub-Arctic Surveys in May/June 2003.

The thermocouples installed were fabricated as needed on site by the BGC field representative. The thermocouples were constructed using type EXPP-T-20 (copper-nickel extension type) thermocouple wire produced by Omega Industries. The accuracy of this type of thermocouple wire is documented by the manufacturer to be +/-1°C

1.2 **Ground Conditions**

1.2.1 Stratigraphy

Ground conditions were observed from the samples retrieved during the drilling and test pitting activities. The observed ground conditions are illustrated on the photos in Figures 2 and 3 and described in detail on the borehole logs in Appendix I. In general, the stratigraphy from surface was:

- Till; overlying,
- Frost shattered bedrock; overlying,
- Competent bedrock.

The till is composed mainly of gravel and sand-size fragments of sandstone, shale and dolostone with cobbles and boulders also encountered. Visible ice was observed within the overburden as lenses, typically surrounding the larger clasts. Ground ice was encountered within the overburden in the boreholes BGC03-06 and 03-17, drilled near the Reservoir. The ice was encountered between 2.6 and 5.8 m, and 3.5 and 7.0 m in boreholes 03-06 and 03-17. respectively.

The bedrock encountered in the proposed spillway alignment was dolostone. The depth to bedrock ranged from 7.3 m in borehole BGC03-17, near the Reservoir, to 0.6 m in borehole BH-7. The Rock Quality Designation (RQD) was observed to range between 0% for the frost shattered bedrock to 100% for the competent bedrock.

1.2.2 Lab Testing

Several samples of the overburden and bedrock were collected from the boreholes and test pits completed within the proposed spillway alignment. Data obtained from the soil and rock lab tests are summarized in Table 2.

The lab results indicate the moisture content of the overburden ranges between 10% and 21% (average 14.7%) and is variable with depth. The grain size distribution of the overburden samples is illustrated in Figure 4. The grain size distribution indicates that the overburden is composed mainly of coarse grained material, containing an average of 80% sand and gravel sized particles.

Several rock core samples were selected for unconfined compressive strength testing. The data obtained from the lab tests are summarized in Table 2. The results of the testing indicate that the unconfined compressive strength (axial direction) of the dolostone in the proposed spillway area varies between 68 and 186 MPa.

1.2.3 Geothermal Monitoring

Regular monitoring of the geothermal instruments has been ongoing since May 2003. The results of the monitoring are illustrated graphically on the plots included in Appendix II. The monitoring data verifies the observations during the 2002 and 2003 drilling and test pitting programs that fully frozen conditions exist along the proposed spillway alignment. Ground temperatures at depth in the permafrost are approximately -12°C. The monitoring data indicates that the depth of the active layer is approximately 1.0 to 2.5 m below ground surface.

Subject: Geotechnical Investigation of Proposed Spillway Area

2.0 CLOSING

This memo has been developed to summarize the results of the geotechnical investigations conducted in the proposed spillway area in 2002 and 2003. Should you have any questions or comments regarding any of the information presented in this memo please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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TABLES

Table 1: Summary of Borehole Information

Borehole/ Test Pit #	Elevation (m)	Surveyed (Y or N)	Location	Depth of Borehole/ Testpit (m)	Instrumentation Installed
BH1	372.6	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH2	379.6	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH3	384.1	Y	Spillway	10.0	None
BH4	386.7	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH5	385.9	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH6	388.7	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH7	392.0	Υ	Spillway	10.0	None
BH8	386.3	Y	Spillway	10.0	None
BH9	N/A	N	Spillway	10.0	None
TP02-01	372.5	N	Spillway	1.4	None
TP02-02	377	N	Spillway	1.6	None
TP02-03	382	N	Spillway	0.8	None
TP02-04	385	N	Spillway	1.1	None
TP02-05	386	N	Spillway	1.4	None
TP02-06	390	N	Spillway	1.4	None
TP02-07	387	N	Spillway	1.3	None
TP02-08	390	N	Spillway	1.1	None
BGC03-04	386.8	Y	Spillway	8.8	Thermocouple
BGC03-05	383.4	Υ	Spillway	9.0	Thermocouple
BGC03-06	373.8	Υ	Spillway	8.8	Thermocouple
BGC03-16	373.0	Y	Spillway	6.5	Thermocouple
BGC03-17	373.7	Y	Spillway	7.2	Thermocouple

Note: All testpits terminated due to refusal on permafrost.

Table 2: Lab Test Results - Proposed Spillway Area Soil Samples

				Na	nisivik Mine L	Almor	Laboratory	Testing	
Borehole Location	Depth Below ocation Grade (m)	Soil Type	Moisture Content (%)	% Sand and Gravel	% Silt and Clay	Moisture Content (%)	Is ₍₅₀₎ Diametral/ Axial (MPa)	Atterberg Limits	
		0.8	Till				5.2		
		1.4	Dolostone						
BGC03-04		2.6	Dolostone					172.6	
		3.8	Dolostone					67.5	
		4.7	Dolostone						
		0.3	Till	15.2	78.3	21.7			
		1.4	Till				6.8		7
		1.9	Till	10.4	70.8	29.2	7.7		
BGC03-05		2.3	Till						
BGC03-03		4.3	Dolostone					A	
		5.5	Dolostone					186.2	
		6.6	Dolostone		1				
		7.4	Dolostone						
		0.6	Till				5.5		
BGC03-06		2.3	Till						
		2.5	Till	18.6	90.2	9.9			
		1.7	Till		91.4	8.6		0-1	
BGC03-16		4.1	Dolostone						T Average
		5.0	Dolostone						
		2.0	Till				5.5		F0.41 (C)
BGC03-17		4.1	Till				18.9		Non-Plastic
BGC03-17		7.1	Till		86.1	13.9			
		7.5	Dolostone						
TP02-01		0.7	TIII	9.9	92.2	7.8			
TP02-01		1.4	Till	16.5	93.0	7.0			
TP02-02	1	1.6	Till	9.8	91.6	8.4			
TP02-04	1	1.1	Till	14.1	89.0	11.0			
TP02-05	1	1.4	Till	13.8	92.0	8.0			
TP02-06		1.3	Till	14					177
Averages			Till	14.7	80	20			

Note: Samples tested by Almor Laboratory not included in average moisture content calculation due to length of time between sample collection and completion of testing.