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Hi John:

Thanks for the update. I don't have a problem with granting the extension as you understand that these delays will push back our date for plan final approval. By copy of this note to Philippe I am asking him to draft our joint letter to review agencies informing them of delay. (if Philippe also agrees) I am in Ottawa until Friday pm however will be checking my email periodically.

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>>> "KNAPP JOHN (J.B.) POL" 11/28/01 07:06PM >>> Hello Carl, Philippe,

In the beginning of November, I requested that the submission date for Polaris' response to the regulatory concerns be shifted to allow us more time to thoroughly prepare our material.

Since that date, December 3rd, is approaching rapidly, I thought it best to provide you with a quick update of our progress.

Many of the questions and concerns could be answered "in house" and we have elaborated on our Plan as required.

Some of the questions however, were of a more technical nature, and we engaged Axys Environmental (Garrow Lake drawdown and stability issues), Westmar Consulting (docksite and shoreline remediation), Gartner Lee Limited (contaminated soils characterization, quantification, isolation, ESA details, post-closure monitoring programs, etc.), as well as a permafrost consulting expert from Carleton University.

Their reports are in various stages of review and editing. At this point, both Bruce and I feel it unlikely that we can meet our requested submission date of December 3rd. My recollection from our last call, however, was that both the Nunavut Waterboard and DIAND were more interested in the quality of our submission than in its timing. With that in mind, I am writing to suggest a new submission date of December 7th, which will allow us plenty of time to complete the review and revision of the material we intend to submit. We realize, and accept, that this change may delay the review process, but feel that it is warranted and unavoidable.

If this raises either questions, or concerns, please let me know. I don't foresee the need to ask for any further extensions, but I will immediately advise you of any changes.

Best regards, John