

[TO BE TYPED ON COMINCO MINING PARTNERSHIP LETTERHEAD]

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**BY COURIER**

Nunavut Water Board  
Box 119  
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut X0B 1J0

**Attention: Ms. Rita Becker**

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Request for Amendment of Water Licence No.  
N4L2 - 0262 (the "Licence"), held by Cominco Ltd.  
(the "Licensee")**

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We are writing to you to request that the Licence be amended to reflect a change in the holder. Cominco Mining Partnership (the "**Partnership**") wishes to hold the Licence and completely assume all of the obligations of the Licensee in respect of the Licence.

We understand that because a partnership that includes the current licensee is requesting to hold the Licence, there is no need to formally assign the Licence. Rather, a letter indicating the same and setting out the particulars of the partnership is sufficient, provided it is signed by all of the partners in the Partnership. Accordingly, the Partnership and each of its partners have signed this letter and the details relating to the formation of the Partnership, and the subsequent change in the name of the Licensee, are detailed below.

**Formation of Partnership**

On 4 July 2001, in accordance with the provisions of the British Columbia *Partnership Act*, a partnership agreement was entered into by the Licensee and Cominco Nova Scotia Company providing for the formation of the Partnership, a general partnership under the Act. On 12 July 2001, a Declaration for Registration of General Partnership or Sole Proprietorship was filed and registered with the Registrar of Companies for British Columbia under number 305123-01.

**Change of Name of Licensee**

The name of the Licensee was changed and a Certificate of Amendment was issued by Industry Canada on 23 July 2001 certifying that the articles of the Licensee were amended to change the name of the Licensee to Teck Cominco Metals Ltd.

We thank you for considering the requested amendment to the Licence. If you require any further information or supporting documentation, please contact us.

Yours truly,

**COMINCO MINING PARTNERSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**TECK COMINCO METALS LTD.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMINCO NOVA SCOTIA COMPANY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_