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Subject: Polaris Status Update

A short update on the Polaris Mine Reclamation project.

Work at site continues on schedule with preparations for demobilization well underway. At the same time a high level of reclamation activities are continuing. Decommissioning of the dock and the shoreline were completed in July. Of the 3 fuel storage tanks at the tank farm, only one remains. Removal of contaminated soils is very nearly complete (less than 2,000 cu m remaining). Hauling of contaminated soils underground has ceased with any remaining hydrocarbon contaminated soils being disposed of using the remaining raise bore holes. Sealing of the mine entrances are in progress. Re-contouring of roadways is in progress as well as the removal of culverts and restoring of natural drainage paths. Both contractor owned and salvaged equipment and materials are being marshaled near the shore for loading onto the ship which is scheduled to arrive about August 25th. Site personnel have just been relocated to temporary camp facilities so that the Accommodations Building can be demolished. Decommissioning of the freshwater system has begun now that the Accommodations Building has been shut down. There are currently approximately 60 people on site and the numbers are decreasing each week. The temporary camp is utilizing a raise bore hole into the mine (at KEX 5 stope) to dispose of waste water from the temporary camp facilities. Additional work on Garrow Creek channel and rip-rap at the decommissioned dam will be undertaken once the flow in the creek almost ceases and the ground starts to freeze. The hillside adjacent to the decommissioned dam is undergoing final grading. Communications with the site is severely limited as the telephone systems have now been dismantled. There is no email contact with the site and there are limited Satellite phones being used for critical communications needs. Navigational aids at the landing strip are in the process of being dismantled and NAV Canada has been notified.

Carl, I know you would like to conduct a site visit in August. Do you have a date in mind? I would like to arrange to be there when you come. Please let me you're your plans and I'll pass the information on to the site due to the limited communications. Flights out of Resolute are quite full currently so it is hard to arrange transportation on short notice. I am currently booked to be at site from Sat. Aug 21st to Sat. Aug 28th. I am on Vacation this past week but have my cell with me (250-426-9845), am checking email and will be in the Kimberley office next week (250-427-8405).

Thanks..bruce