## UPDATE OF DECOMMISSIONING AND RECLAMATION SCHEDULE

## POLARIS MINE - DECOMMISSIONING & RECLAMATION SCHEDULE

UPDATED AS OF December 31, 2003												Percent Complete		
	Prior	4th	Qtr. 200	3	1st	Qtr. 2	004	2nc	Qtr. 2	004	3rc	l Qtr. 2	004	As Of
ACTIVITY	Periods	Oct	Nov E	Эес	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec 31/03
CONTRACTOR MOBILIZATION														
Pre-mobilization Planning / Order Materials/Equip														
Ship to Site with Contractor Equipment														100%
Offload Ship														100%
Setup Warehousing/Laydown Area														100%
SETUP TEMPORARY FACILITIES														100%
DECOMMISSIONING UNDERGROUND														
Remove / Salvage Mine Equipment & Crusher	Cancelled													100%
Remove Refrigeration Plant														0%
Remove Surface Ventilation Fans														0%
Seal Mine Openings														0%
MILL / BARGE DEMOLITION														
Initial Cleanup of Barge by Teck Cominco														100%
Removal of Barge Services														98%
Transfer fuel to Tank Farm & Clean Hull														100%
Remove hazardous Materials / Wastes														100%
Remove / Salvage Process Equipment														100%
Demolish Internal Equipment														100%
Demolish Structure														100%
Remove Hydrocarbon/Metals Contaminated Soils														55%
Regrade Area Surounding Barge														25%
PRODUCT STORAGE BUILDING DEMOLITION														
Cleanup of Building / Remove Liquids from Equip.														100%
Demolish Exterior Conveyors														100%
Demolish Reclaim Conveyors														100%
Remove Cladding from Building														100%
Demolish Structure														100%
Demolish Foundations														98%
Remove Contaminated Soils (Building & Adj. Areas)														60%
Regrading Area														10%
SHIP LOADER / RECLAIM CONVEYOR DEMOL.														
Cleanup of Conveyor Areas/Remove Oils														100%
Demolish Conveyors											1			100%

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	Prior	4th	Qtr. 2003	1st	Qtr. 2	004	2nd	Qtr. 2	2004	3rc	Qtr. 2	004	As Of
ACTIVITY	Periods	Oct		Jan	Feb		Apr	May		Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec 31/03
DOCK DECOMMISSIONING													
Inspect / Remove Glycols from Freeze Pipes													100%
Remove Metals Contaminated Soils													95%
Remove Cells 1 & 2													75%
Remove Cells 3 & 4													75%
Removal of Temporary Dock													0%
Shoreline Recontouring													70%
Berm Removal													65%
Grade New Beach to Final Profiles													25%
TAILINGS SYSTEM DEMOLITION													
Final Cleanup of Thickener (by Operations)													100%
Flush Tails Lines													100%
Salvage Equipment													100%
Remove hazardous Materials / Wastes													100%
Remove Tails Line / Return Line													80%
Demolish Equipment													100%
Demolish Structure													100%
Remove Foundations													100%
Remove Contaminated Soils													100%
Regrading													100%
Final Cleanup of Area													95%
GARROW LAKE / DAM DECOMMISSIONING													
Drawdown Lake													100%
Removal of Centre Section of Dam													75%
Creek Channel Construction													0%
Final Grading / Armouring of Dam Remnants													0%
CRF PLANT DEMOLITION													
Final Cleanup of Plant													100%
Remove hazardous Materials / Wastes													100%
Demolish Plant Equipment													100%
Demolish Buildings													100%
Site Grading (Plant & Surrounding Area)													100%

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UPDATED AS OF December 31, 2003												Percent Complete		
	Prior	4th	Qtr. 20	003	1st	Qtr. 2	004	2nc	l Qtr. 2	004	3rd	Qtr. 2	004	As Of
ACTIVITY	Periods	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec 31/03
ACCOMODATIONS COMPLEX DEMOLITION														
Establish Temporary Offices / Building Services														100%
Use Accomodations Complex														75%
Establish Temporary Camp Accomodations														0%
Use Temporary Camp														0%
Remove hazardous Materials / Wastes														0%
Demolish Buildings														0%
Regrade Area														0%
Remove Temporary Camp														0%
UEL STORAGE (TANK FARM) DEMOLITION														
Use with Temporary Modifications														100%
Transfer Fuel to Temporary Storage														0%
Cleaning of Tanks / Piping														60%
Demolish Tanks / Piping														0%
Cleanup of Berm & Liner														0%
Site Grading														0%
BLADDER AREA CONTAMINATED SOILS														
Cleanup of Hydrocarbon Soils														100%
Area Grading														100%
IISC. BUILDING DEMOLITION														
Exploration Quonset Huts														100%
Core Shack (Atco Trailer)														100%
Emergency Shelter at North Portal														0%
Steam Wash Bay & Tire Shop (relocated in 3rd Qtr)														50%
Generator Building														0%
Bent Horn Building														0%
Dock Office Trailer														0%
Airstrip Storage Hut														0%
Fresh Water Pump House														0%
Frsh Water Tank & Shed														0%
Carpenter Shop (used as temp. warehouse)														0%
Shipping Containers (Sea Cans - more to move on-going)														50%
Foldaways by Temporary Dock (3)														0%
Firehall														0%

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	Prior	Prior 4th Qtr. 2003		1st	1st Qtr. 2004		2nc	l Qtr. 2	2004	3rd Qtr. 2004			As Of
ACTIVITY	Periods	Oct	Nov Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Dec 31/03
OPERATIONAL LANDFILL CLOSURE													
Reclocate Construction Landfill													100%
Hauling Landfill Cover Cap Material													98%
LRD QUARRY Landfill													
Cut Notch into Quarry / Construct Haul Road													100%
Installation of Thermistor Pipe Stands													100%
Placing debris in Quarry													80%
Grading of Notch to Match Cap													75%
Placement of Cap and Final Grading													0%
Installation of Thermistors (pipes installed)													20%
MISC. SITE RECLAMATION & EARTHWORKS													
Reduction in spare parts/supplies by TCML													100%
Ship Mill Process Chemicals South for Sale/Recycle													100%
Site Cleanup of scrap material during operations													100%
Regrading North 40 Area													80%
Grading of Reclamation Landfill Area													90%
Road Closure / Culvert Removals/Runway													15%
DEMOBILIZE FROM SITE													
Prepare Equipment / Supplies for shipping from site													5%
Prepare Residual Chemicals / Wastes for shipping													85%
Last Ship from Polaris													0%

# UPDATE OF ESTIMATED MINE DECOMMISSIONING, RECLAMATION AND MONITORING COSTS

## POLARIS MINE DECOMMISSIONING, RECLAMATION AND MONITORING COST ESTIMATE 4th QUARTER 2003 UPDATE

Month   Mont		1		DEC 3	1. 2003	FORECAS	T FINAL		-	
NAMES RELIAMATION   1/2   1/				CLAIMED	TO DATE	PROJEC	T COST			COMMENTS
COMPAINATED AND STATE SECURITY & SUBJECT   1.00		By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	By Code Subt	totals	
COMMUNITY DELICAL CLEANING A CLIQUAGE A CLIQUE AND A CL										
Content   Cont	Landfill Reclamation									
Marcha A Hydrochoro Content price of Section 1998   1,135,00   1,1	00171111117777 00110 0171117	\$	432,000	\$	807,804	\$	886,544	\$	454,544	Scope of work has not changed. Underbudgeted unit costs here.
Hydrocarbon Controllering 16 (b) Policy   1,000   1,		000 000		4 405 004		4 000 000		4 000 400		
Micro Control (EACH MONITOR)   1986   98   98   98   98   98   98   98										
Authors   Author										
Security										
DUADRISA AME SURFACE EXCLAMATION (EARTHWORN)   20,000   79,155   79,156   14,460   5 20,000   79,156   14,460   5 20,000   70,000   14,460   5 20,000   70,000   14,460   5 20,000   70,000   14,460   5 20,000   70,000   14,460   5 20,000   70,00	6/6 Harianing a Disposar of Contaminated Cons	\$	595 000		1 636 029	\$	2 421 529		826 529	Volumes of contaminated soils have substantially increased from budget
Mode   Comparing   Mode	QUARRIES & MINE SURFACE RECLAMATION (EARTHWORK)	•	000,000	1	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Ψ	2, 121,020	ų .,	,020,020	Totalise of containinated cone have capetaintaily increased norm badget
Miles   Collection Country   Dimons   Dimons   Collection Country   Dimons   Di		263.000		179.158		502.127		239.127		
Math Clastificated Clearing & 1900   38,000   41,405   41,405   50,007,756   41,405   50,007,756   41,405   50,007,756   41,405	v	\$	263,000	9	179,158	\$	502,127		239,127	General site contouring is taking more labour than expected. Was a hard item to
Secondary   From Principal   Secondary	MISC. DEMOLITION & CLEAN-UP	·	•				•			quantify for budget purposes as it is a subjective item (i.e. no quantities to base
Contract   Company   Represent   Representation   Repres	Misc Unallocated Clean-Up / Demo	380,000		41,483		41,405				
Contractor Equipment Revial Contractor Microscoperium Profession   1,227,140   1,227,114		\$	380,000	\$	41,483	\$	41,405	\$ (	(338,595)	Demolition has been proceeding much better than planned.
Contractive Misc Equipment Purchases   19,047   182,06										
## Statistics Allowance   16,000   16,0		., ,								
MSC. SERVICES & SUPPLIES  Misc. Purchased Making Place   Services				432,906		432,906				
Michael Materials (Supples   225,333   166,043   166,0	Escalation Allowance	59,693	0.054.000	L			E 470 000		(=00.000)	
Mac	MICC CEDVICES & CURRINES	\$	6,054,000	3	3,803,710	\$	5,470,692	\$ (	583,308)	
Fuel Supply   19,867   19,86		225 222		166 042		166 042		60 200		
Public   P				100,943		100,943				than planned)
Fuel Supply Fiel Taxes (Heating & Power Generation) Field Supply Field Taxes (Heating & Power Generation) Field Taxes (	L3Calation Allowance	19,007	255,000		166 943	<del>-</del> •	166 943		(88.057)	
Full Supply   3,294,586   4,216,186   9,216,500   92,1800   92,1800   92,1800   92,1800   92,1800   92,1800   92,1800   92,110,150   93,727   93,727   93,725   93,	FUFI	, v	200,000	1	100,040	Ψ	100,040	Ψ	(00,001)	
Fuel Taxes (Fleating A Power Generation)		3,294,536		4.216.186		4.216.186		921.650		
Full Taxes   (Equipment)   467,343   157,444   5				, , , , ,						
MANTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES   1,269,779   1,590,779   1	Fuel Taxes (Equipment)	467,343		412,415		677,493		210,150		
Mobile Equip Maintenance   1,296,759   4,590,733   1,519,163   2,233,674   4,349,073   1,726,751   1,727,751   1	Escalation Allowance	157,444		The state of the s		-		-157,444		
Mobile Equip Maintenance   1296/759   4,590/73   1,519,163   2,233,674   1,726,751   1,101,318   5,574,500   5,645,832   1,519,163   1,5		\$	3,988,000	9	4,628,601	\$	4,993,406	\$ 1,	,005,406	Increased soils quantities are resulting in increase fuel usage
Building Maintenance   506,923   1,519,163   1,905,000										
Escalation Allowance   101.318   1,905,000   \$ 6,109,896   \$ 7,879,506   \$ 5,974,506										
PRE - PURCHASED EQUIPMENT (BY COMINCO)   Construction Equipment - Purchase (By Owner)   S 1,905,000   S 6,109,896   S 7,879,506   S 5,974,509   S 5,974,50				1,519,163		2,233,674				
PRE-PURCHASED EQUIPMENT (BY COMINCO)   541,000   541,000   541,000   541,271   541,2	Escalation Allowance		4 005 000	L			7 070 500		074 500	
Construction Equipment - Purchase (By Owner)    S41,000	DDE DUDCHASED FOLUDMENT (BY COMINCO)	\$	1,905,000	3	6,109,896	\$	7,879,506	\$ 5,	974,506	
S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S		541 000		5/1 271		5/1 271		271		
CONTRACTOR SIFLED SUPPCRT & SUPPLIES   TRANSPORTATION (SHIPPING)   85,326   60,035   70,035   1,389,291   78,013   78,	Construction Equipment - Furchase (by Owner)	541,000 ¢	541 000		5/1 271	341,271 ¢	5/11 271		271	more and later into the rail which is hard on the equipment.
TRANSPORTATION (SHIPPING)	CONTRACTOR'S FIELD SLIPPORT & SLIPPLIES	Ψ	341,000	4	341,271	Ψ	341,271	Ψ	211	
Packing & Preparation   85,326   94,8661   1,583,252   2,343,952   2,343,952   78,013   1,395,291   78,013   1,301,987										
Shipping Costs   Secalation Allowance   1,583,252   1,112,000   1,683,252   2,343,982   7,8,013   1,395,291   7,9,013   1,395,291   7,395,291   1,395,291   1,395,291   1,395,291   1,395,291   1,39		85.326		60.035		70.035		-15.291		
Escalation Allowance										
CONTRACTOR MOB, DEMOB & SUPERVISION Contractor Mob/Demob Contractor Supervisory/Admin Personnel Salety Services & Supplies Misc Temporary Services / Modifications Escalation Allowance 13,954 Misc SERVICES & SUPPLIES Communications & TV Escalation Allowance 374,000 31,000  ACCOMODATIONS Catering Escalation Allowance 11,487,166 Escalation Allowance 12,834 Travel (Airlares & Expenses) Travel (Airlares & Expenses) Travel (Fermourn - Revised Rotation Schedule Travel (Airlares & Expenses) Travel Permium - Revised Rotation Schedule Misc Personnel Transportation unit costs are higher than budgeted as well as increased quantities due to additional soils volumes (increased parts / supplies required to be shipped) 1,680,420 3,787,799 1,583,848 1,135,630 1,359,454 1,377,765 3,274,524 Additional soils quantities require additional manpower and supervision. Contractor is also using more supervisors than would in the south for suprervising crews.  405,000  \$ 1,468,033  \$ 2,154,395		78,013		, , .		-				
Contractor Mob/Demob		\$	1,112,000	9	1,643,287	\$	2,413,987		301,987	Transportation unit costs are higher than budgeted as well as increased quantities due
Contractor Supervisory/Admin Personnel										to additional soils volumes (increased parts / supplies required to be shipped)
Safety Services & Supplies   36,000   272,192   930,603   272,192   930,603   1,355,454   1,455,454				,				****		
Misc Temporary Services / Modifications Escalation Allowance 13,954 1,359,45										
Escalation Allowance										
## SERVICES & SUPPLIES   Communications & TV   374,000   31,000   31,000   405,000   51,652,81   Travel (Airfares & Expenses)   Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule   1,072,773   Misc Personnel Transport   55,072   Misc Personnel Transport   575,072   Misc Personnel Transport   57				930,603		1,359,454				
MISC. SERVICES & SUPPLIES Communications & TV Escalation Allowance  374,000 31,000 \$ 405,000  ACCOMODATIONS Catering Escalation Allowance  1,487,166 122,834  Travel (Airfares & Expenses) Travel (Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Escalation Allowance  1,552,881 Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Escalation Allowance  1,557,072  105,302  11,68,033  1,468,033  1,468,033  1,468,033  1,468,033  1,468,033  1,468,033  2,154,395  2,154,395  3,1468,033  2,154,395  1,552,881  1,552,881  1,552,881  1,552,881  1,072,773  168,527  168,527  168,527  168,527  1896,235  196,235  196,235  196,235  196,235  196,235  20,887,655	Escalation Allowance	13,954	0.400.000	L	0.705.700		5 707 504		074 504	Additional acity was the constitution and the contract of the
Communications & TV	MICC CEDVICES & CURRINES	2	2,463,000	3	3,735,766	\$	5,737,524	\$ 3,	,274,524	
Second to the first of the fi		274 000		105 202		106 225		177 765		also using more supervisors than would in the south for supvervising crews.
ACCOMODATIONS Catering Escalation Allowance  1,487,166 122,834 1,610,000 1,468,033 2,154,395 2,154,395 3 2,154,395 1,610,000 1,488,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,468,033 1,552,881 1,772,834 1,772,834 1,831,247 1,772,773 1,772,773 1,772,773 1,772,773 1,774,231 1				105,302		190,233				
ACCOMODATIONS Catering Escalation Allowance  1,487,166 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,610,000 122,834 1,468,033	Escalation / thowartoc	\$	405 000		105 302		196 235		208 765)	Anticipated higher communication costs than being experienced
Catering   1,487,166   122,834   1,468,033   2,154,395   667,229   -122,834   544,395   1,228,344   1,468,033	ACCOMODATIONS	, v	400,000	1	100,002	Ψ	150,255	Ψ (.	200,700)	Tritiopated higher communication costs than being experienced.
Escalation Allowance		1.487.166		1.468.033		2.154.395		667.229		
TRAVEL & PERSONNEL  Travel (Airfares & Expenses) Travel Permium - Revised Rotation Schedule Hisconnel Transport  To Air Control (Airfares & Expenses) Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Escalation Allowance  Travel Premium - Revised Rotation Schedule Travel Premium - Revised		, . ,		,						
TRAVEL & PERSONNEL         1,552,881         2,691,525         4,381,247         2,828,366         2,828,366         1,072,773         1,072,773         1,072,773         Unit costs for air travel has increase beyond normal escalation rates, poor weather has Escalation Allowance         575,072         246,505         1,74,231         Unit costs for air travel has increase deepond normal escalation rates, poor weather has added to layover costs and increase crew levels has increased the number of		\$	1,610,000	5	1,468,033	\$	2,154,395		544,395	Increased manpower levels have increased catering/housekeeping costs.
Travel (Airfares & Expenses)         1,552,881         2,691,525         4,381,247         2,828,366         -1,072,773         -1,072,773         -1,072,773         Unit costs for air travel has increase beyond normal escalation rates, poor weather has Escalation Allowance         575,072         168,527         246,505         174,231         Unit costs for air travel has increase beyond normal escalation rates, poor weather has added to layover costs and increase crew levels has increase trew levels has increase the number of	TRAVEL & PERSONNEL	1		1				1		
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Escalation Allowance 575,072 added to layover costs and increase crew levels has increased the number of						-				
				168,527		246,505				
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A sharehore A sharehore A sharehore Emparity (A)		\$	3,273,000	\$	2,860,052	\$	4,627,752	\$ 1,	,354,752	passengers traveling.

## POLARIS MINE DECOMMISSIONING, RECLAMATION AND MONITORING COST ESTIMATE 4th QUARTER 2003 UPDATE

	BUD	GET		31, 2003 D TO DATE	FORECAS PROJEC		COST VARIA	ANCES	COMMENTS
	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals		Subtotals	
CONTRACTOR INDIRECTS									
HO MOB & DEMOB SUPPORT  Mob & Demob	1,912,000		1,526,300		1,912,376		376		
CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT SUPPORT Personnel	3,928,932	1,912,000	2,391,496	\$ 1,526,300	3,928,932	1,912,376	\$	376	
Safety & First Aid Personnel to Provide Overlap	184,068 \$	4,113,000	111,792	\$ 2,503,288	183,644	4,112,576	-424 \$	(424)	
OTHER CONTRACTOR INDIRECTS Contractor's General Indirects	4,952,000	4,952,000	4,435,584	\$ 4,435,584	5,121,490	5,121,490	169,490	169,490	Contractors offsite costs increasing due to increased work load on site.
ENGINEERING / PROJECT MANAGEMENT	Ψ	4,932,000		ψ 4,433,304	Ψ	3,121,490	4	103,430	Contractors offsite costs increasing due to increased work load off site.
ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESMENT Environmental Consultants - Site Assesment Site Assessment - Unallocated	275,787 207,874		300,113 105,263		318,777 191,524		42,990 -16,350		
Escalation Allowance	2,339	486.000		\$ 405.376	191,524	510,301	-2,339	24,301	
CLOSURE PLAN	1	,		,	Ť	3.3,23.	,	- 1,000	
Environmental Consultants - Closure Plan Escalation Allowance	415,772 2,228 \$	418,000	372,272	\$ 372,272	372,272	372,272	-43,500 -2,228	(45,728)	
ENGINEERING / SPECIAL CONSULTANTS	1	410,000		ψ 3/2,2/2	Ψ	312,212	Ψ	(43,720)	
Design Consultants - Dock / Loadout Design Consultants - Tailings / Garrow Lake	1,316 3,520		1,413 3,515		1,413 3,515		97 -5		
Design Consultants - Tailings / Garrow Lake Design Consultants - Dock / Loadout	79.684		65,354		79.994		310		
Design Consultants - Tailings / Garrow Lake	54,780		45,328		45,328		-9,452		
Sitework & Demolition Procedures - Design Services	18,300		14,465		55,400		37,100		
Escalation Allowance	2,400 \$	160,000	-	\$ 130,075	s	185,650	-2,400	25,650	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (HO STAFF)	Ψ	100,000		ψ 130,073	Ψ	100,000	4	23,030	
Project Management - Salaries	411,069		866,433		1,093,738		682,669		
Project Management - Reimb Expenses	100,000		58,182		82,378		-17,622		
Escalation Allowance	31,931	543,000		\$ 924.615		1,176,116	-31,931	633.116	Complexities in dealing with contractor has increase work load of project manager.
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (FIELD STAFF)	Φ	543,000		\$ 924,015	Φ	1,170,110	•	633,116	Complexities in dealing with contractor has increase work load or project manager.
Construction Management - Salaries	2,142,878		1,160,877		1,746,990		-395,888		
Escalation Allowance	179,122					4 740 000	-179,122	(575.040)	
ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND SAMPLING	\$	2,322,000		\$ 1,160,877	\$	1,746,990	\$	(575,010)	On site environmental personnel have helped reduce personnel requirements here.
Environmental Reclamation Supervision - Staff	337,123		330,866		668,060		330,937		
Escalation Allowance	29,550				-		-29,550		
Environmental Reclamation Supervision - Testing	330,000		103,895		239,060		-90,940		
Additional Sampling and Consultant Services (MMER) Escalation Allowance	0 26,327		165,670		396,192		396,192 -26,327		
Escalation Allowance	\$	723,000	-	\$ 600,431	s	1,303,312	\$	580.312	Are using higher personnel levels due to increased soild quantities.
OWNER'S COSTS					·				
SALARIES & EXPENSES									
Teck Cominco HO Proj Mgmnt (Staff Lab) Teck Cominco HO Proj Mgmnt (Misc Material & Exp)	374,631 199,149		353,762 136,732		563,132		188,501 -20,816		
Escalation Allowance	34,220		130,732		178,333		-34,220		
	\$	608,000		\$ 490,494	\$	741,465	\$	133,465	Work loads for proejct personnel have been higher than expected.
OVERHEAD / HO SUPPORT									
Land Leases, Licences	175,000		96,949		237,603		62,603		
Miscellaneous Permits Insurance	45,000 445,900		11,118 91,332		14,222 174,310		-30,778 -271,590		
Property Taxes	495,000		119,705		495,000		-271,590		
Home Office General Admin (Labour & Exp)	722,384		16,150		30,000		-692,384		
Public Relations	74,292		58,718		74,292		0		
Legal	57,540		48,021		68,431		10,891		
Escalation Allowance Misc Owner's Overhead	168,560 6,324		13 882		13,882		-168,560 7,558		
	\$	2,190,000	10,002	\$ 455,875	\$	1,107,740	\$	(1,082,260)	Home office support has been less than anticpated. Offset somewhat by project
GENERAL ADMIN	1				i i	, .		, , , , , , , , , , ,	management personnel
Closure Management - Polaris Personnel	54,000				-		-54,000		
Escalation Allowance Closure Wrap Up	2,880 5,120		34,327		45,667		-2,880 40,547		
Glosare Wah oh	\$	62,000	54,527	\$ 34,327	\$	45,667	\$	(16,333)	
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## POLARIS MINE DECOMMISSIONING, RECLAMATION AND MONITORING COST ESTIMATE 4th QUARTER 2003 UPDATE

		BUDGET CLA		31, 2003 D TO DATE		CT COST		VARIANCES	COMMENTS
	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	By Code	Subtotals	
POST RECLAMATION COSTS (2005 - 2011) SITE MONITORING AND HOLDING COSTS  Annual Post Closure Environmental Monitoring (2005 to 2011) Final Sampling Program, Data Evaluation and Reporting in 2011 Land Lease/Licence costs from 2005 to 2011 Property Taxes - 2005 to 2011 Escalation Allowance  UNALLOCATED  Uncoded Forecast Cost Adjustments (Net)	510,000 160,000 126,000 70,000 135,000 \$	5 1,001,000 5 -	(310)	\$ - \$ (310)	510,000 160,000 126,000 70,000 135,000 \$ 133,272	1,001,000	133,27		These costs will be distributed as the job proceeds.
TOTAL DECOMMISSIONING / RECLAMATION & MONITORING COSTS	<u> </u>	47,500,000	-	\$ 43,655,492	<u>\$</u>	62,311,705		<u>\$ 14,811,705</u>	

## RECORD OF DEBRIS PLACED INTO LITTLE RED DOG QUARRY LANDFILL

#### PLACEMENT OF DEBRIS INTO LRD QUARRY LANDFILL

#### **4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER, 2003**

#### DRAWING OF WASTE PLACEMENT

Very little debris was placed into Little Red Dog Quarry Landfill (LRDQL) during the quarter. Demolition of the Concentrate Storage Shed and Barge were completed in the previous quarter. The attached drawing indicates the areas where debris was placed to the end of the year. The locations represent the final placement locations and not temporary staging areas. The drawing also includes locations of debris placed prior to the beginning of the quarter where the debris was placed at the same elevation in the quarry.

The drawing represents the Third Lift (L3) of debris in the quarry. This lift is being placed into Bench 6 of Little Red Dog Quarry Landfill ('LRDQL'). The drawing indicates Blue for the debris placed in the  $4^{th}$  Quarter. The red colour is the position at the end of the  $3^{rd}$  Quarter as previously submitted. Each area is dated, for example 'L3 – 2003 – 12' represents Lift 3, for the month of December, 2003.

While there was very little debris placed during the quarter efforts to reduce the sizes of previously placed hull sections resulted in debris being cut off and spread out over the remained of Lift 3.

#### RECORD OF WASTE SOURCE/VOLUME & TYPE

Following the placement drawings are records from each month showing the source of the debris, where it was hauled to, the quantity and the type of debris. As previously stated, little debris was land filled during the quarter.

#### VERIFICATION OF HYDROCARBON REMOVAL

There was no equipment that required hydrocarbon removal during the period.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

As specified in the Closure Plan, a photographic record of debris placement is being maintained. Attached to this appendix are pictures of typical debris being placed in LRDQL. As there was little debris placed into LRDQL during the quarter, fewer pictures were taken than in the previous two quarters. Lack of light prevented pictures from being taken in December.

#### POLARIS MINE DEBRIS DISPOSAL IN LITTLE RED DOG QUARRY LANDFILL - 4th QUARTER 2003

Date	Origin Location	Disposal Location	Material	Quantity (m3)
1-Oct-03	Storage building	L.R.D.	Steel	12
8-Oct-03	Dock	L.R.D.	Steel	30
16-Oct-03	Shoreline	L.R.D.	Steel	15
17-Oct-03	North Portal	L.R.D.	Steel	10
19-Oct-03	Barge	L.R.D.	Steel	13
6-Nov-03	North Portal	L.R.D.	Wood / Wallboard	10
13-Nov-03	Storage building	L.R.D.	Steel	160
15-Nov-03	Burn Pit	L.R.D.	Wood / Wallboard	10



















## RECORD OF PLACEMENT OF METALS / HYDROCARBON CONTAMINATED SOILS UNDERGROUND IN THE MINE

#### **POLARIS MINE**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER, 2003 CONTAMINATED SOILS VOLUMES UPDATE**

Due to increasing quantities of contaminated soils being discovered as remedial activities progressed, late in the fall of 2003 TCL directed GLL to conduct additional assessment of remaining soils contamination. This was necessary to confirm project scheduling and to assess whether there was adequate storage capacity within the mine for disposal of the remaining contaminated soils to be remediated. A drilling program was undertaken to obtain this information. In addition, remedial excavations that were underway provided information on zones of contamination as well as confirming boundaries of contamination. GLL also reviewed other existing assessment data in conjunction with the new information collected to update their evaluation of contaminated soils volumes. This review resulted identification of increased quantities of contaminated soils and the submission of TCL's letter to the NWB and INAC (dated December 19, 2003) requesting authorization to store metals contaminated soils in LRDQL, and to store the increased quantities of hydrocarbon contamination into the underground mine workings.

In response to an earlier request to store increased quantities of hydrocarbon contaminated soils in the underground mine workings, approval was received from the NWB and INAC (dated December 23, 2003). The approval contained a requirement to update the following information to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2003 in a table:

- The original volumes of contaminated materials identified in the DRP
- The quantities of soils disposed of to date.
- The predicted volume of soils yet to be disposed of.
- The volume of the mine workings filled with contaminated soils to date and,
- The usable volume of the mine remaining available.

The two attached tables (Table 1 and Table 2) provide the above requested information. The information was updated to the end of December 2003 to make the information more current.

Table 1 lists the original estimates of quantities of contaminated soils as presented in the Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (DRP), the volumes excavated to-date, and the forecast volume of contaminated soils remaining to be remediated. The volumes of contaminated soils presented in the DRP were limited to areas where assessments had been completed to a degree that GLL felt they had sufficient information to estimate a quantity. There were a number of areas where contaminated soils were known to exist but assessments had not been completed (i.e. sufficiently to propose the quantities) at the time the DRP was issued. This information was contained in the DRP. In Table 1 these areas are noted as 'TBA'. All of the volumes listed in Table 1 are 'in-situ' volumes. The forecast volumes of contaminated soils remaining to be excavated are considered to be

'conservative' values and TCL expects that actual volumes will be less than the quantities presented. As TCL has had to request increases in the volumes authorized previously, TCL wanted to ensure that current forecasts represent the 'worst case' and that the likelihood of exceeding these volumes was remote.

Table 2 presents the forecast volumes of soils to be remediated in both 'in-situ' volumess and in 'loose' volumes. The volumes to be disposed of are best represented as 'loose' volumes when comparing them to the available volume remaining in the underground mine workings. It should also be noted that the total space available in the mine was reduced by 25% to reflect that full utilization of the space is not practical.

## TABLE 1 POLARIS MINE - CONTAMINATED SOILS QUARTERLY FORECAST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

Contaminated Soil Locations	DRP Fore Volumes 1 Excava	Го Ве	<sup>3</sup> Estimated \ Excava To Da	ted	Forecast V Remaining Excava	у То Ве	<sup>4</sup> Total Vo Contamii Soils	nated
	(m³ in-situ v		(m <sup>3</sup> in-situ v		(m <sup>3</sup> in-situ		(m <sup>3</sup> in-situ v	
	Hydrocarbons	Metals	Hydrocarbons	Metals	Hydrocarbons	Metals	Hydrocarbons	Metals
Acommodations Complex	500	-	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	-
Concentrat Storage Shed Area	Note 1	Note 1	-	24,314	-	17,000	-	41,314
East of Concentrate Shed	-	-	-	34,038	-	5,000	-	39,038
Foldaways and Lube Storage Pad	2,000	-	-	-	25,000	2,000	25,000	2,000
Snow Dumps	-	3,500	-	3,541	-	10,000	-	13,541
Firehall Area	2,000	-	1,485	-	5,000	5,000	6,485	5,000
<sup>5</sup> Dock Cells	-	-	12,210	-	200	-	12,410	-
North Shore and Barge Area	20,000	85,000	28,314	30,827	45,000	5,000	73,314	35,827
CRF Plant Area	100	-	40	-	-	-	40	-
Exploration Stockpile Area		TBA	-	11,028	-	-	-	11,028
Fuel Bladder Storage Area	12,000	-	12,513	-	-	-	12,513	-
June 2002 Fuel Spill	Note 2	-	4,080	-	-	-	4,080	-
Old Crusher	-	TBA	-	1,079	-	-	-	1,079
North Portal Pb Ore Storage Area	-	TBA	-	11,352	-	-	-	11,352
Quonset Huts	ТВА	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tails Thickener Area / Tailings Lines	ТВА	3,000	-	2,183	-	-	-	2,183
Miscellaneous	-	-	628	110	-	-	628	110
TOTALS	36,600	91,500	59,270	118,472	77,600	44,000	136,870	162,472
TOTAL CONTAMINANTS		128,100		177,742		121,600		299,342

#### Notes

- Note 1 DRP estimated metals contaminated soils in the Concentrate Storage Area and the Barge area together as one quantity.
- Note 2 this fuel spill ocurred after the DRP was issued so there was not estimate for it.
- Note 3 the term 'Estimated' is used because until work is completed in an area, data is based on truck counts' which is based on truck drivers correctly reporting the number of loads and assumptions on average load capacities are required. Once work in an area has been completed, a detailed survey is conducted to accurately determine final volumes excavated.
- Note 4 Forecast volumes estimated are based on 'worst' case estimates rather than on a 'most' likely basis to be conservative for planning purposes.
- Note 5 Metals contaminated soils removed from the dock were recorded with soils from the 'North Shore and Barge Area' volumes.

#### Abreviations:

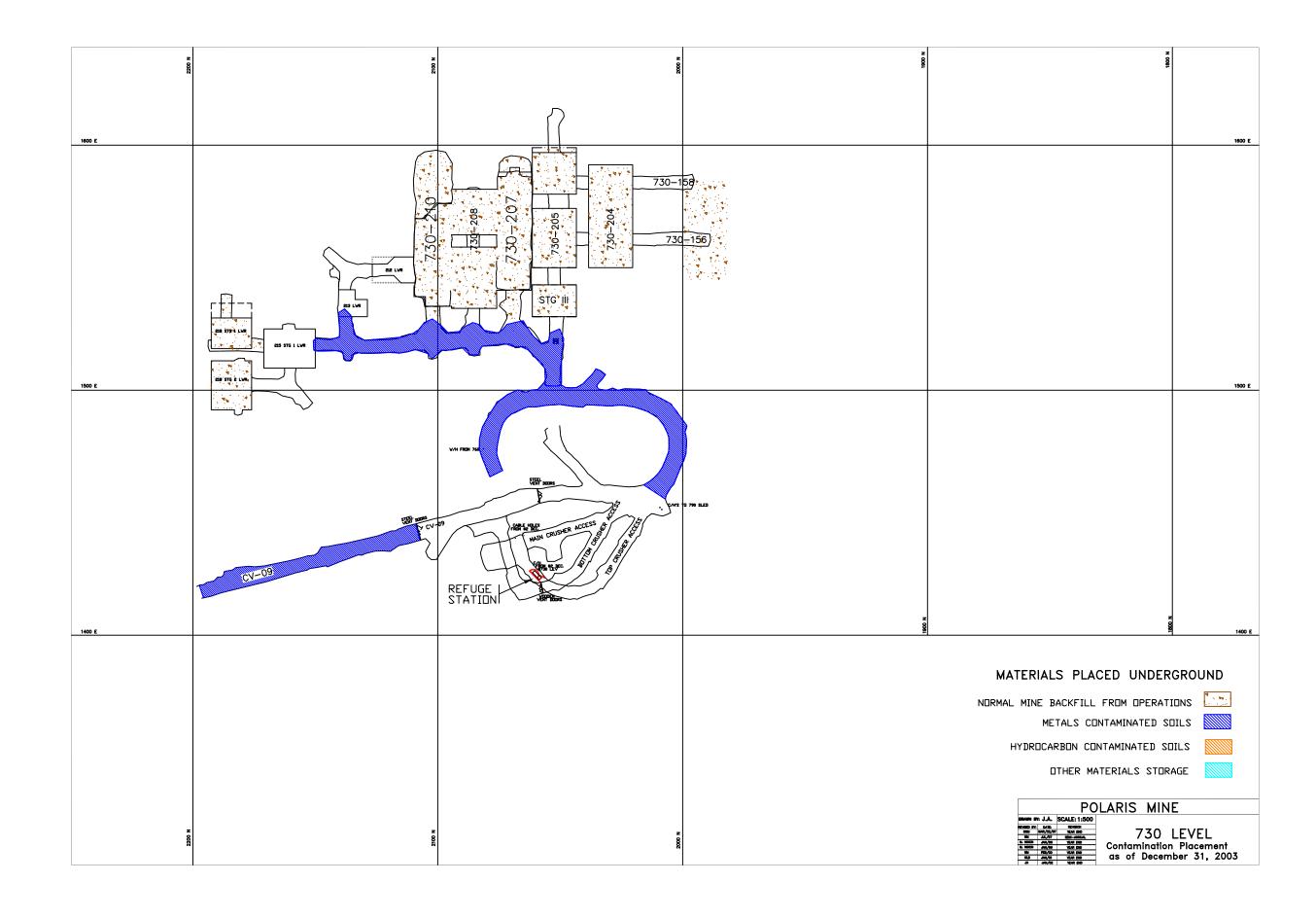
- DRP Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan
- TBA Areas identified in the DRP as being contaminated but no estimate of volumes were made as investigations were not complete.
- LRDQL Little Red Dog Quarry Landfill

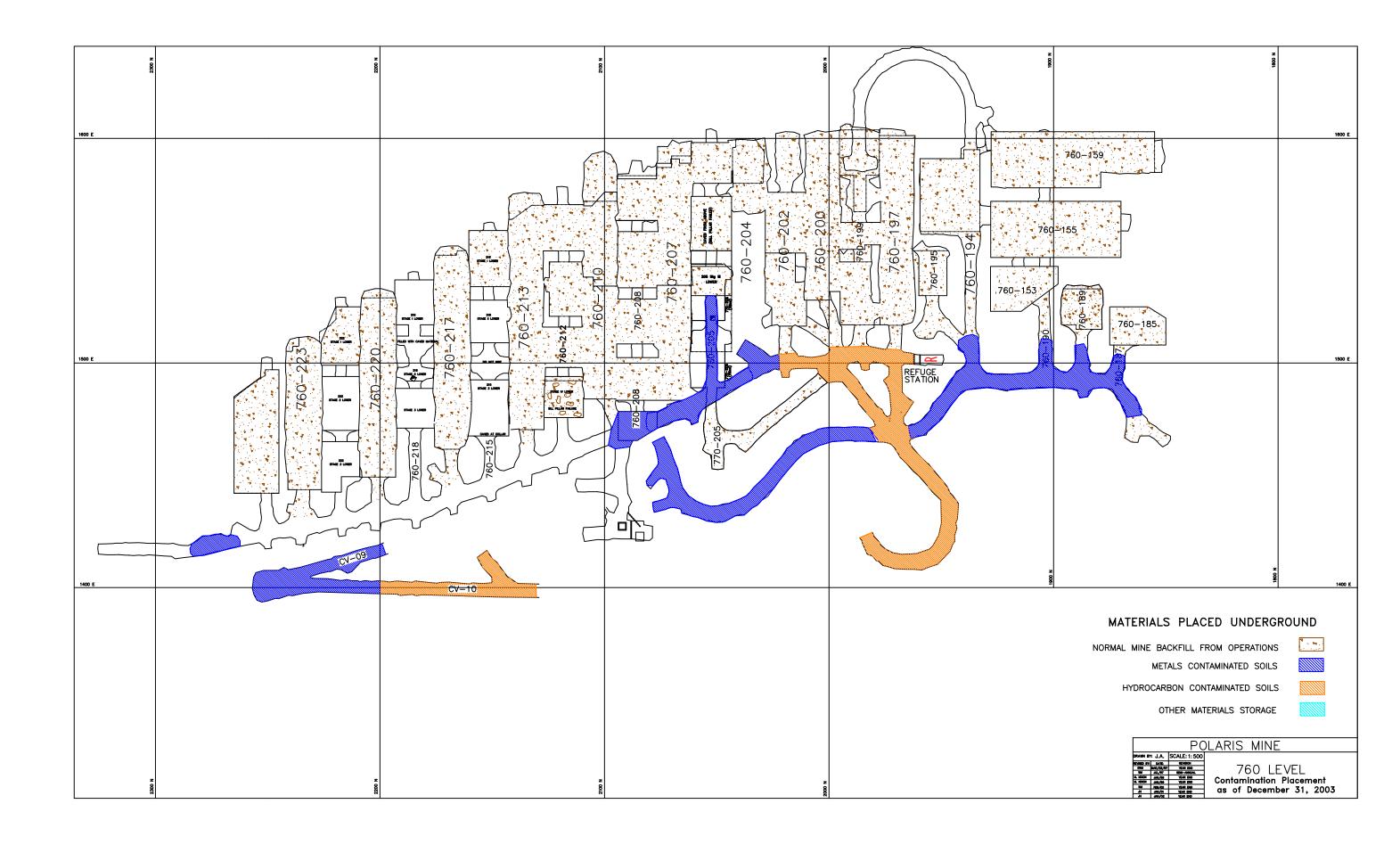
TABLE 2
POLARIS MINE - CONTAMINATED SOILS FORECAST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

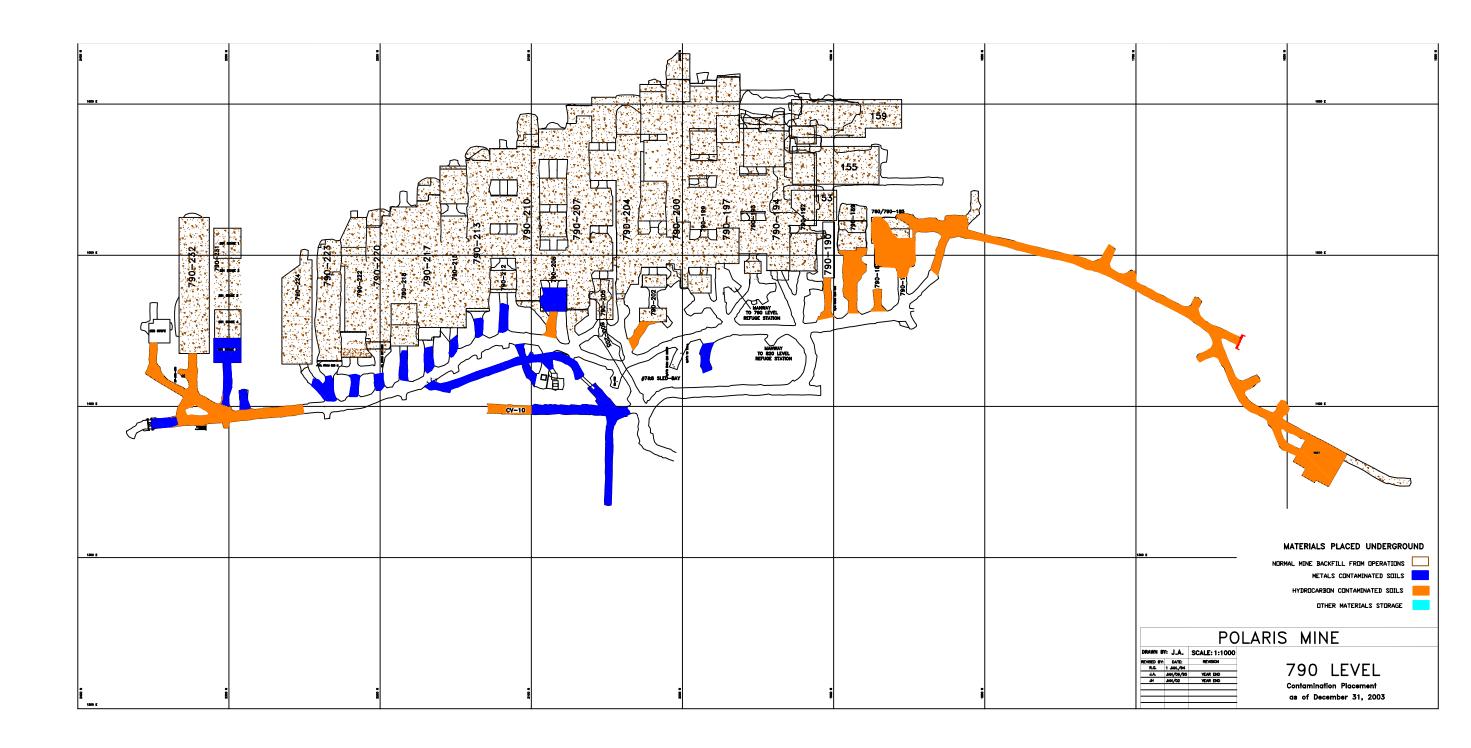
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	(m³ in-situ vo	lume)	1(m³ loose	volume)	(m³ loose volume)	LRDQL UNDERGROUND			ERGROUND
Date	Hydrocarbons	Metals	Hydrocarbons	Metals	Metals	USED	<sup>2</sup> REMAINING	USED	<sup>3</sup> REMAINING
31-Dec-03	77,600	44,000	93,120	52,800	30,000		215,000	177,290	128,000

#### Notes:

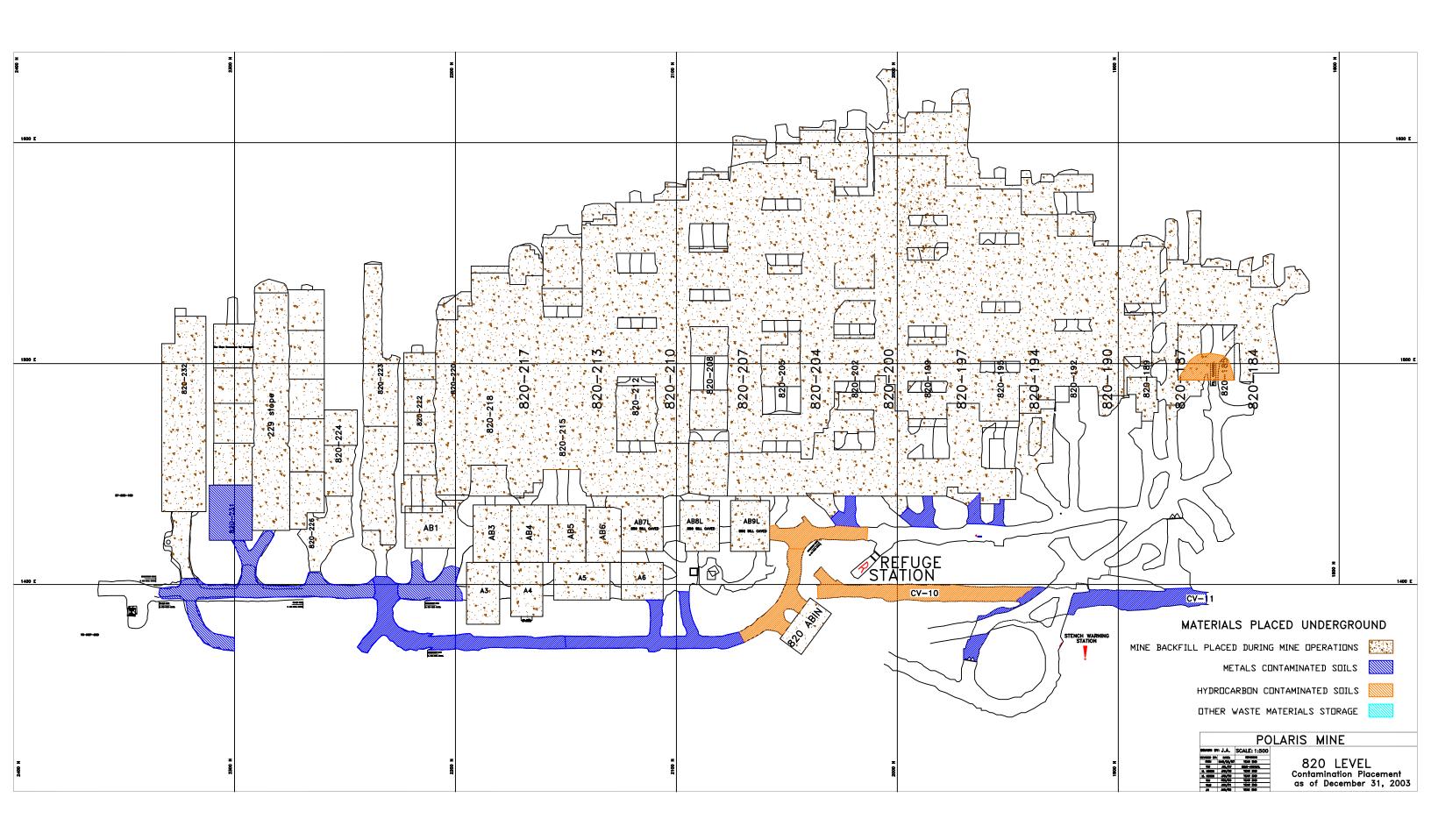
- 1 Used 20% swell factor from in-situ volume to loose volume
- 2 Approximate space remaining to fill LRDQL to the top of Bench 5. If required additional volume is available in LRDQL
- 3 Used 75% of void space available in mine to adjust for filling efficiencies

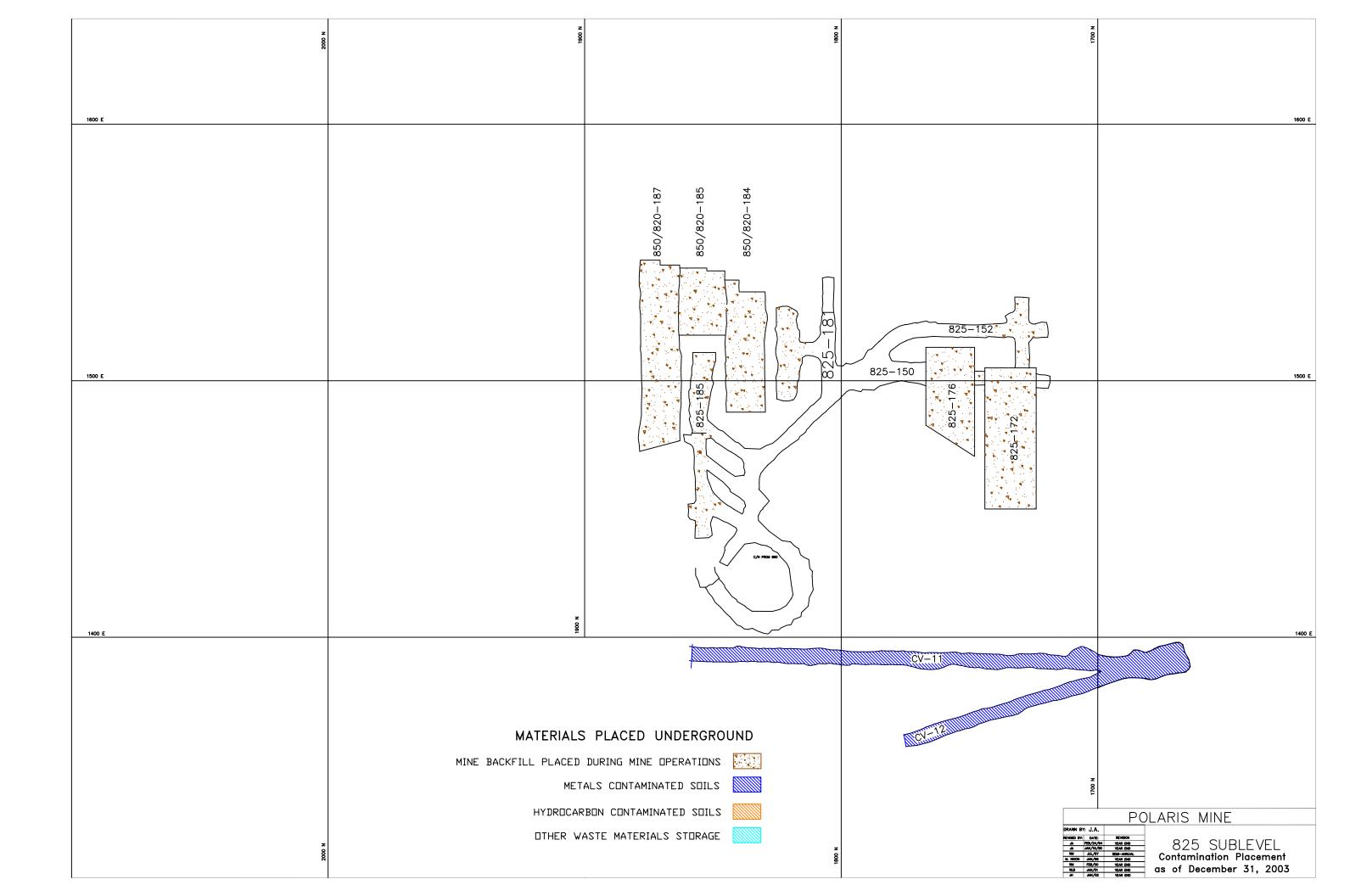




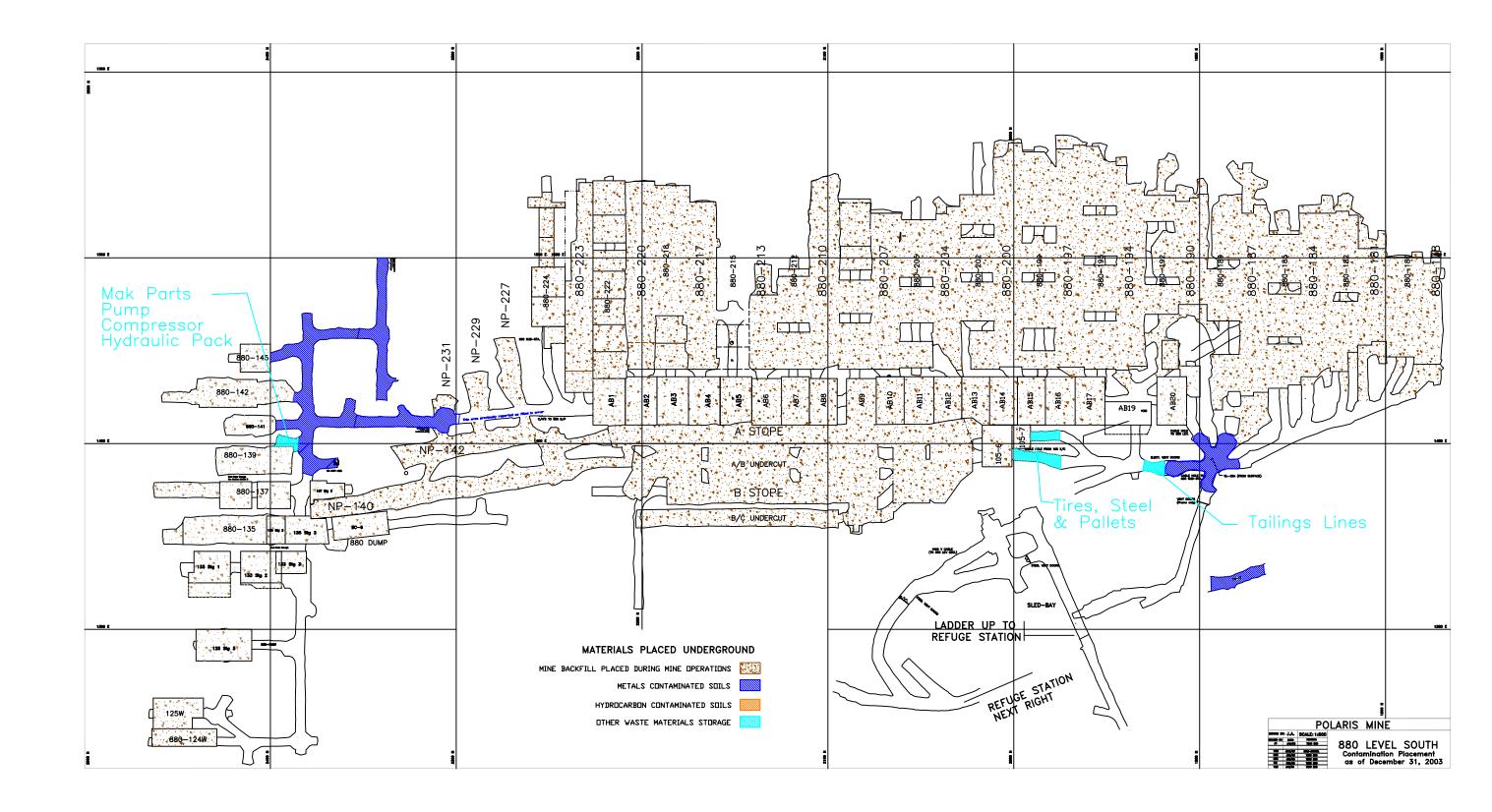


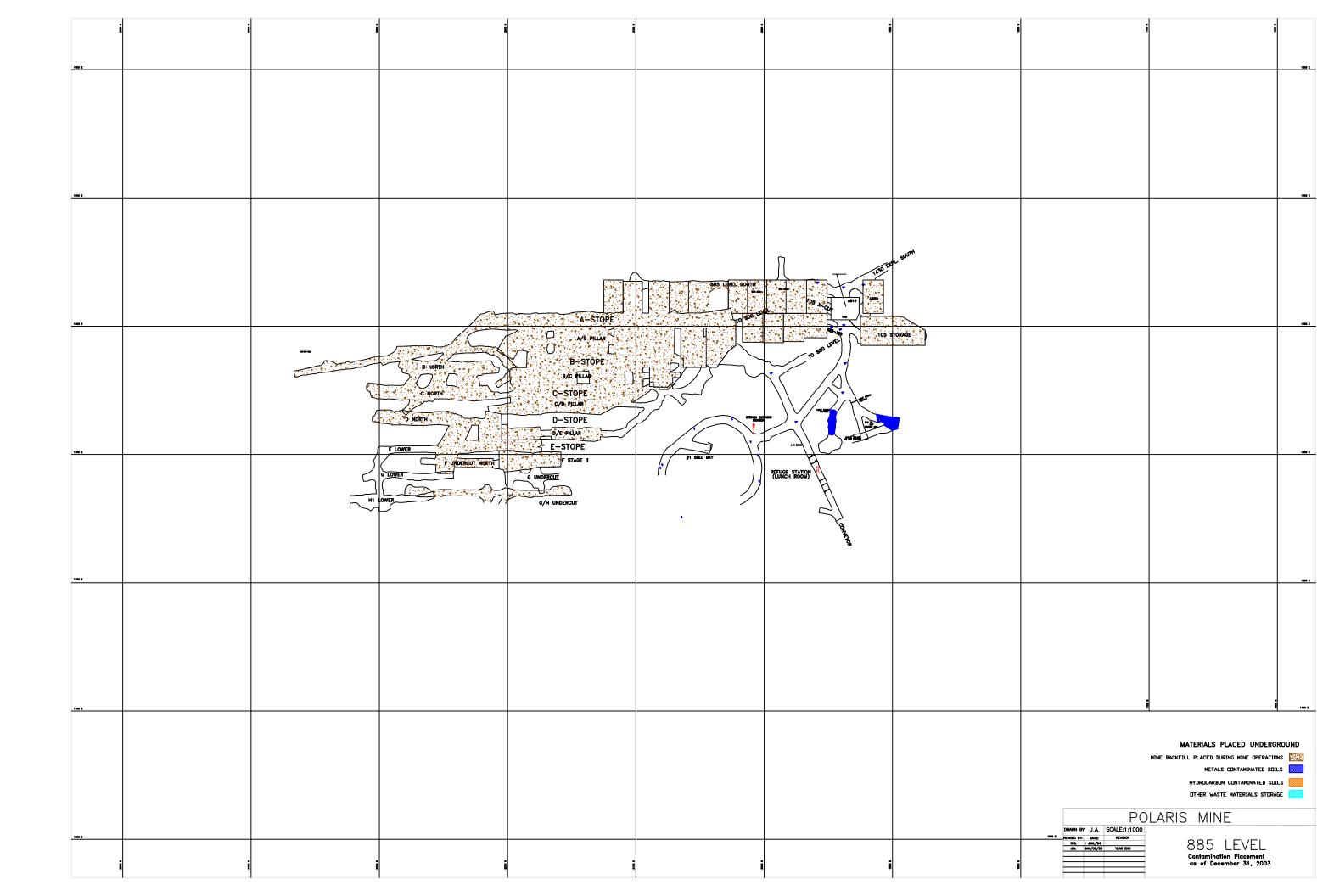
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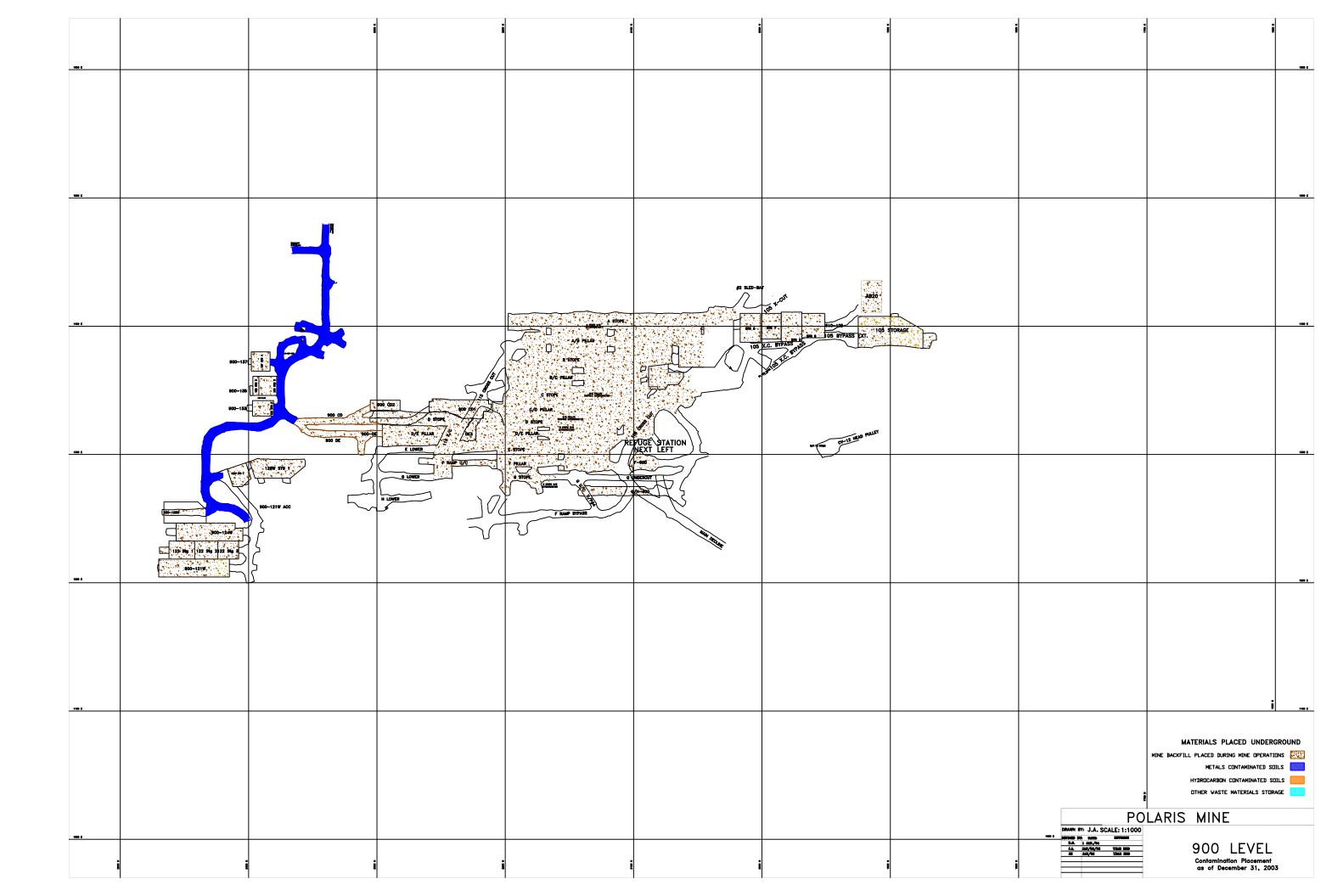


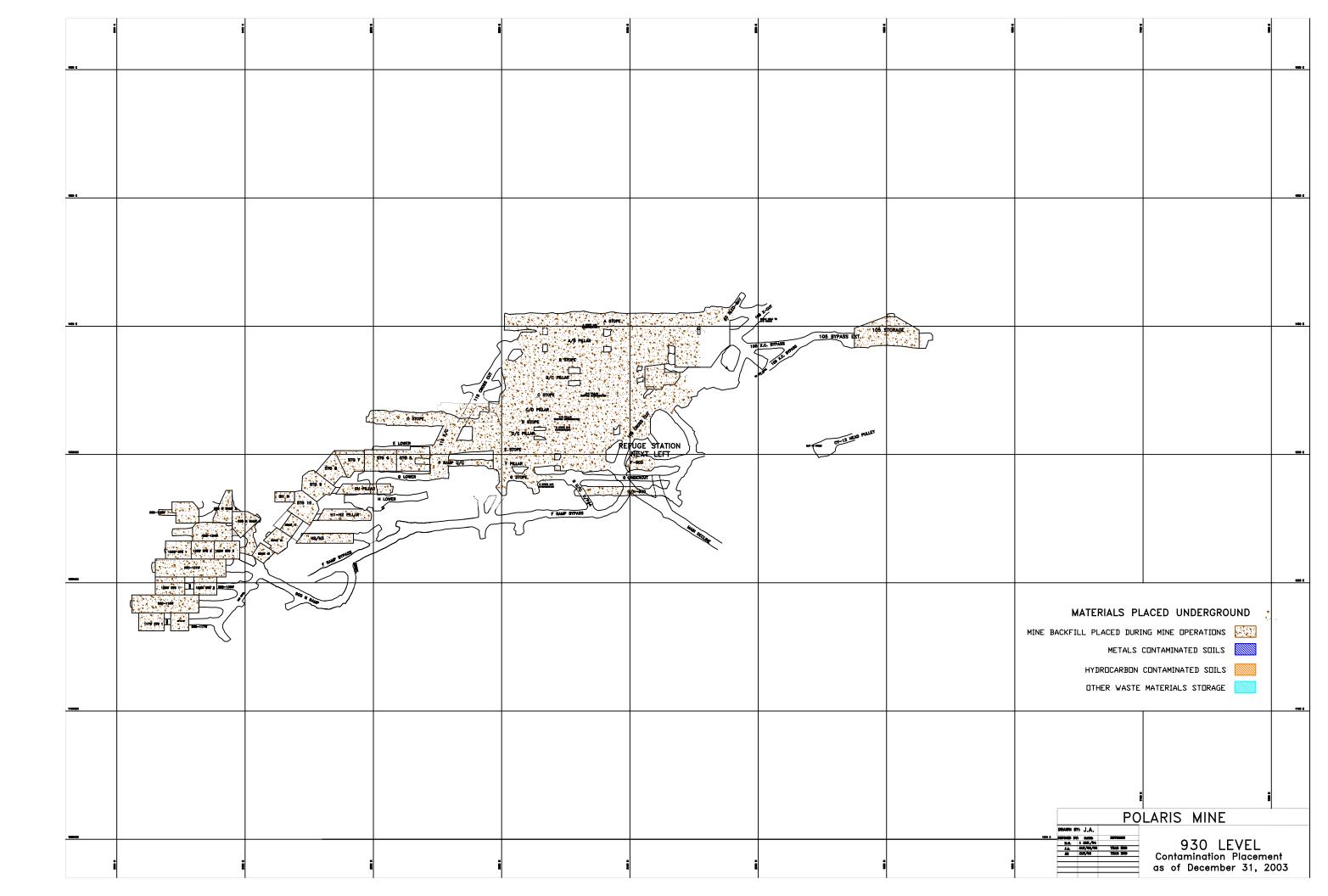


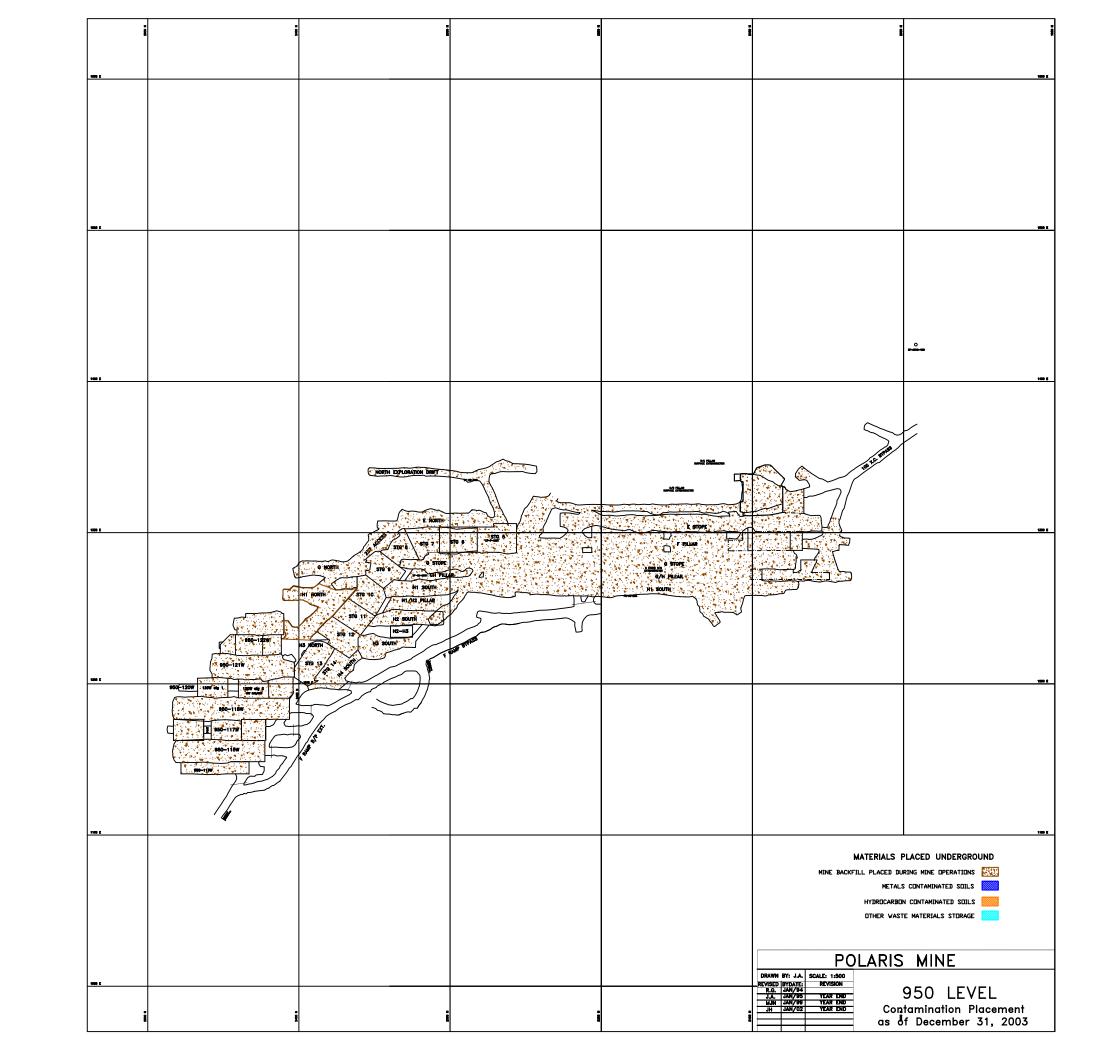


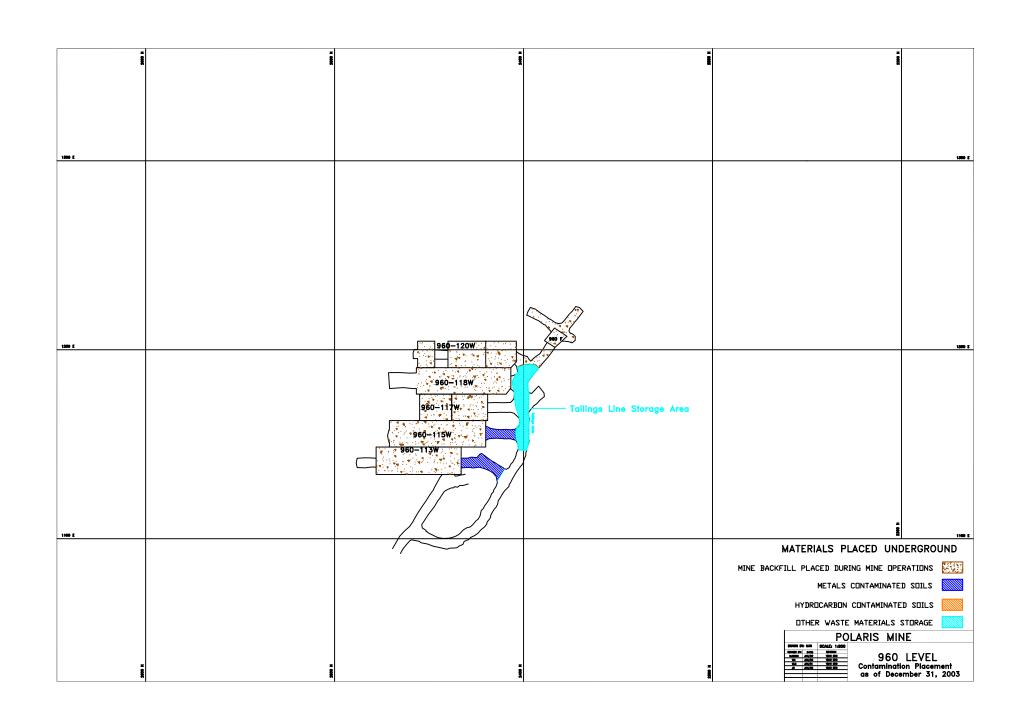


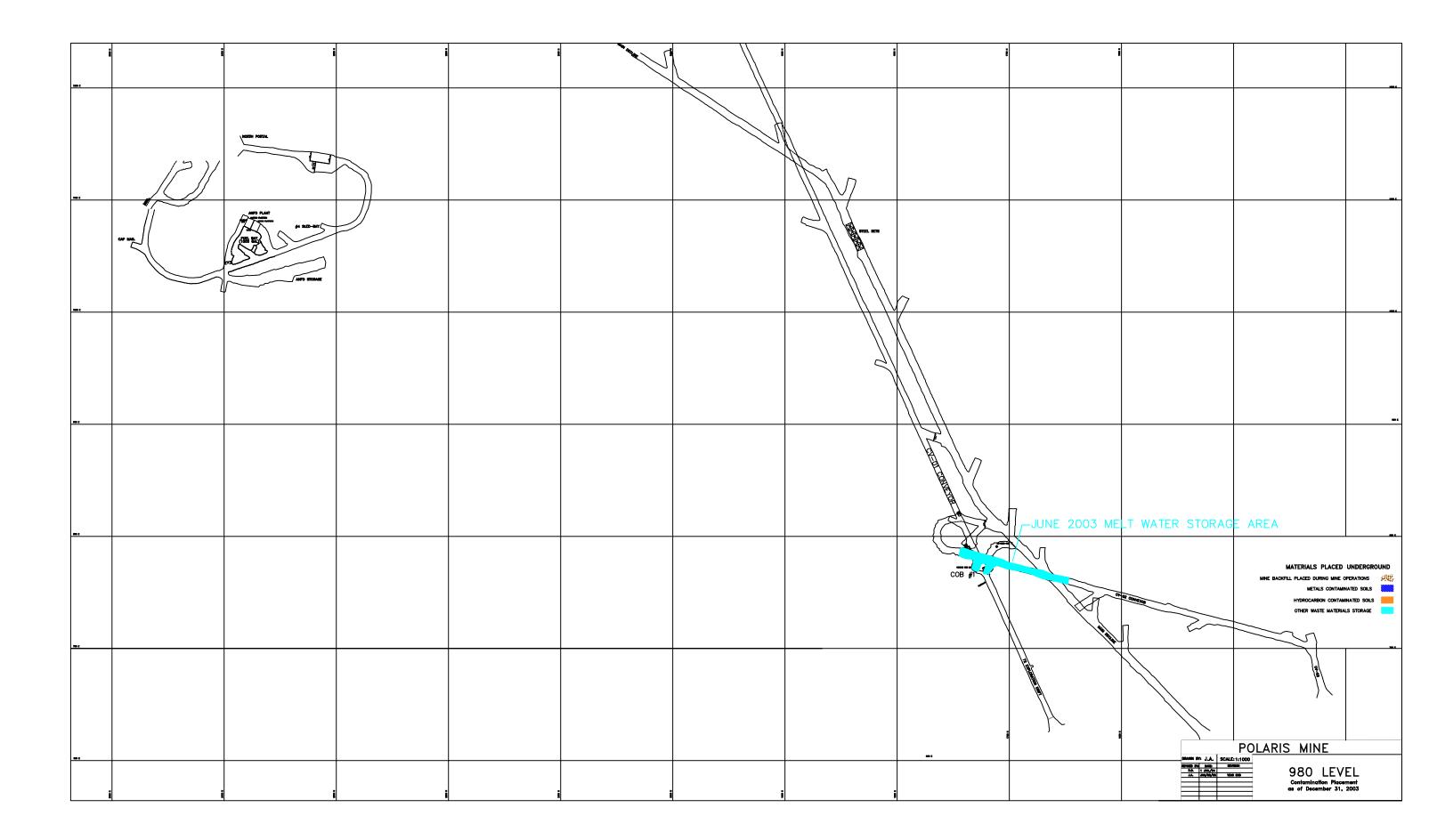












# **APPENDIX 7**

# SUMMARY OF EFFLUENT MONITORING AND EFFLUENT CHARACTERIZATION



January 26, 2003

Prairie & Northern Region Environment Canada Room 200, 4999 98<sup>th</sup> Ave. Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3

Attention: Peter Blackall, Regional Director of Environmental Protection

Dear Sir;

## Re: Polaris Mine – 2003 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Metal Mining Effluent Regulations Report

Despite having a designated discharge location for effluent identified under Section 9 of the MMER, there was no discharge from the Garrow Lake Tailings Impoundment Area during the period October 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. Only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter had discharge to report. While there is no data to report other than that there was no effluent discharge, I have completed the monitoring report as required by the regulations and have attached it to this letter.

In preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report, a review of the information submitted with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report identified errors in Schedule 4. The despite reporting the effluent quality, the flow data was omitted. Please find attached a corrected 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report that includes the previously missing flow data.

If you have any questions regarding the quarterly report or aspects of the application of the MMER to the Polaris Mine, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours truly,

Bruce Donald

Attachments: (2) - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2003 Monitoring Report & Revised 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2003 Monitoring Report

cc:

Walter Kuit (Teck Cominco Limited)
Polaris Mine Site Files
Randy Baker (Azimuth Consulting Group)

## POLARIS MINE – MMER MONITORING REPORT

## 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2003

## APPENDIX A

i. Information specified by Section 8.1 of Reference Method EPS 1/Rm/13

## APPENDIX B

i. Information specified by Section 8.1 of Reference Method EPS 1/Rm/14

#### APPENDIX C

- i. Concentration & monthly mean concentrations of each deleterious substance of Schedule 4
- ii. pH of the effluents samples as required by subsection 12(1)
- iii. Description of sample collection method
- iv. Total volume of effluent deposited during each month of the quarter as per section 19
- v. Mass loading of the deleterious substances set out in Schedule 4 and as per section 20

#### APPENDIX D

i. Results of the effluent characterization as per paragraph 15(1)(a)



## **Section 8.1.1 Effluent**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - No sampling conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter.
- iii. Type of sample
  - No sampling conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - Discharge point of siphon at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - No sampling conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - No sampling conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter

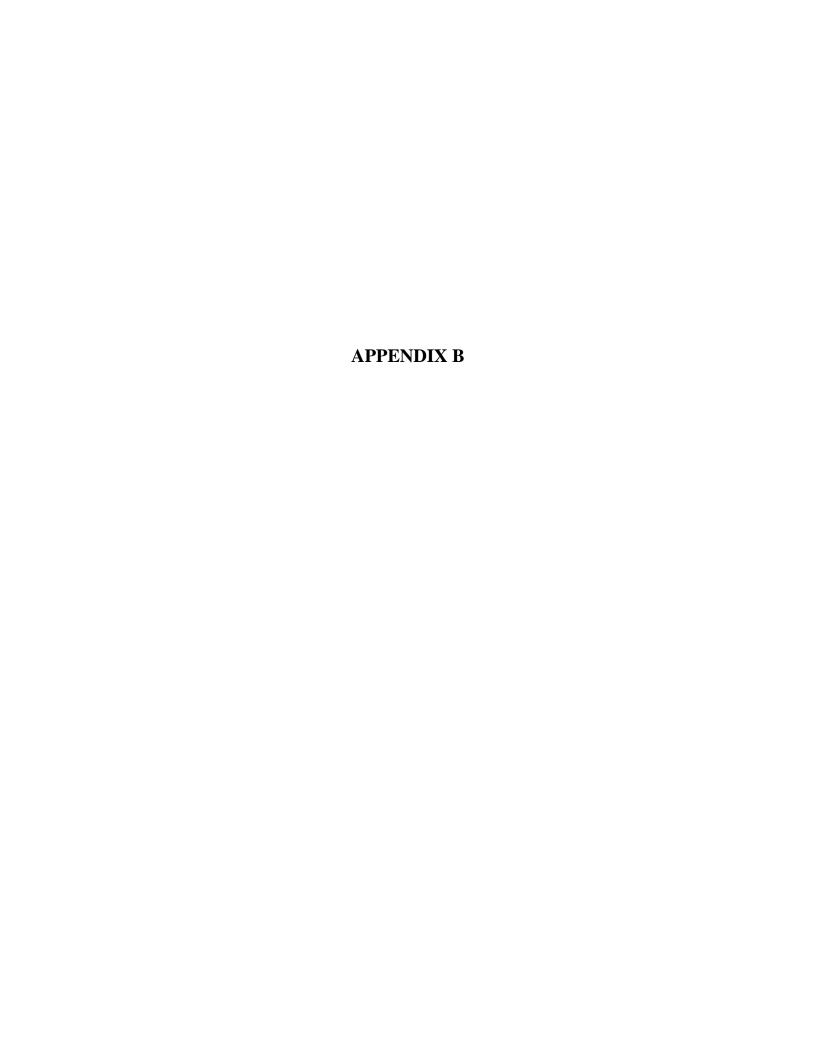
#### **Section 8.1.2 Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - No testing conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter
- ii. Indications of deviations from requirements in Sections 2 to 7 of Method EPS 1/RM/13
  - No deviations to report as there was no testing conducted during the quarter
- iii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - No laboratory used during the quarter
- iv. Percent mortality of fish in stock tank(s)
  - None to report. There were no tests conducted during the period
- v. Species of test organism
  - None to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- vi. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - None to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- vii. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - No tests performed during the quarter
- viii.pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity of unadjusted, undiluted effluent
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- ix. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - No adjustment to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- x. Indication of aeration of test solutions before introduction of fish
  - None to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xi. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xii. Measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
- No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period xiii.Number of fish added to each test vessel
  - No fish added as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xiv. Mean and range of fork length of control fish at end of test
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xv. Mean wet weight of individual control fish at end of the test
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xvi. Estimated loading density of fish in test solutions
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPS 1/RM/13 - Continued

## **Section 8.1.3 Results**

- i. Number of mortalities of fish in each test solution
  - None to report. No tests conducted during the period
- ii. Number of control fish showing atypical/stressed behaviour
  - None to report. No tests conducted.
- iii. Mean mortality rate in solutions of effluent and control water
  - None to report. No tests conducted
- iv. Estimate of 96-h LC50 in multi-concentration tests
  - No data to report. No tests conducted
- v. Most recent 96-h LC50 for reference toxicity test(s)
  - No data to report. No tests conducted



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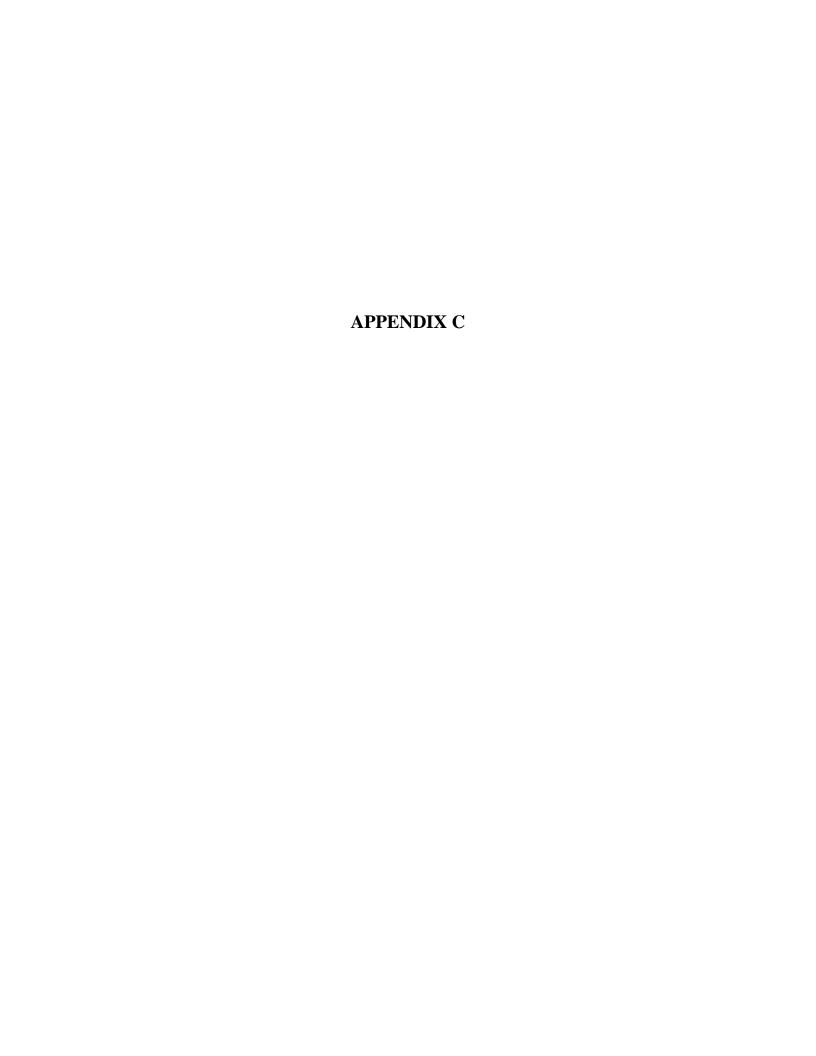
## **Section 8.1.2 Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - No testing conducted as there was no effluent discharge during the quarter
- ii. Indications of deviations from requirements in Sections 2 to 7 of Method EPS 1/RM/13
  - No deviations to report as there was no testing conducted during the quarter
- iii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - No laboratory used during the quarter
- iv. Species of test organism
  - None to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- v. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - None to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- vi. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - No tests performed during the quarter
- vii. pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity of unadjusted, undiluted effluent
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- viii. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - No adjustment to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- ix. Indication of any adjustment of hardness of effluent sample
  - No adjustment to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- x. Indication of any aeration of sample
  - No indication to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xi. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xii. Measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xiii. Estimates of time to first brood, average number of neonates per brood, and percent mortality during the seven-day period prior to the test
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period
- xiv. Number of neonates per test vessel and milliliters of solution per daphnid
  - No data to report as there were no tests conducted during the period

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPS 1/RM/14 - Continued

#### **Section 8.1.3 Results**

- i. Number of dead and/or immobile daphnids in each test solution including controls
  - No data to report. No tests conducted during the period.
- ii. For single-concentration test the number of daphnids dead in each of three replicate effluent solutions and in each of three replicate control solutions at end of test. Also report the mean value.
  - No data to report. No tests conducted during the period.
- iii. Estimate of 48-h LC50 and 95% confidence limits in multi-concentration tests, 48-h EC50 for immobilization and 95% confidence limits, indication of statistical method on which results are based.
  - No data to report. No tests conducted during the period
- iv. Most recent 48-h LC50 for reference toxicant test(s), reference chemical(s), date test initiated, historic geometric mean LC50 and warning limits.
  - No data to report. No tests conducted during the period.



# 2003 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER MMER REPORT

## LOCATION - FINAL DISCHARGE POINT FROM GARROW LAKE (GARROW LAKE DAM SIPHONS)

## CONCENTRATIONS OF EFFLUENT FOR MMER SCHEDULE 4 SAMPLED WEEKLY

Sample Taken											
<b>During The</b>	Date		Collection								
Week of	Sample Taken	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>1</sup>	pH <sup>1</sup>	Method
06-Oct-03	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
13-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
20-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
27-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
03-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
10-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
17-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
24-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
01-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
08-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
15-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>								
22-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
29-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>

Note<sup>1</sup> - All concentrations are in mg/L except Radium 226 which is Bq/L and pH which is in pH units

Note <sup>2</sup> - "na" refers to no effluent discharge to sample

#### MONTHLY MEAN CONCENTRATIONS OF EFFLUENT FOR MMER SCHEDULE 4

	MONTHLY MEAN CONCENTRATION OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE 3										
MONTH OF	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226			
July/03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>			
August/03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>			
September/03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>			

Note<sup>1</sup> - All concentrations are in mg/L except Radium 226 which is Bq/L

Note <sup>2</sup> - "na" refers to no effluent discharge to sample

Note<sup>3</sup> - Monthly Mean Concentrations - the MEAN value of the concentrations measured in all water samples collected during each month when a deleterious substance is deposited.

## MASS LOADING OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE FOR EACH DAY SAMPLED

Sample Taken										Average Daily		
<b>During The</b>	Date	D	DAILY MASS LOADING OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE (kg/day) <sup>1</sup>									
Week of	Sample Taken	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>1</sup>	(m³/day)		
06-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
13-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
20-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
27-Oct-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
03-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
17-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
24-Nov-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
01-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
08-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
15-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
22-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
29-Dec-03	na <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Note<sup>1</sup> - Mass Loading is in kilograms per day of the deleterious substance deposited except Radium 226 which is in Bq per day

Note <sup>2</sup> - "na" refers to no effluent discharge to sample

## MASS LOADING PER CALENDAR MONTH FOR EACH DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE

CALENDAR MASS LOADING <sup>1</sup> FOR DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE (kg/month) <sup>2</sup>									Average Weekly Flow Rate <sup>3</sup>	Total Monthly Volume <sup>4</sup>
MONTH OF	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>2</sup>	(m³/week)	(m³/month)
October/03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November/03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December/03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note<sup>1</sup> - Total Mass Loading for Calendar month calculated by multiplying the Average Daily Mass Loading for the Month x # days in the month

Note<sup>2</sup> - Mass loading units are in kg per month except Radium 226, which is in Bq permonth

Note<sup>3</sup> - Average Weekly Flow Rate calculated by multiplying Average Daily Flow Rate x 7 days per week

Note<sup>4</sup> - Total Monthly Volume calculated by multiplying Average Daily Flow Rate for the month x days in month



# **RESULTS OF EFFLUENT CHARACTERIZATION**

## AS PER PARAGRAPH 15(1)(a)

No effluent samples were collected during the  $4^{th}$  Quarter of 2003 as there was no effluent discharge. No Acute Lethality Testing conducted during the quarter as there was no effluent being discharged.

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# **REVISED 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2003**

#### APPENDIX A

i. Information specified by Section 8.1 of Reference Method EPS 1/Rm/13: 96 hr acute rainbow trout test

#### APPENDIX B

i. Information specified by Section 8.1 of Reference Method EPS 1/Rm/14: 72 hr acute Daphnia magna test

#### APPENDIX C

i. Information specified in Schedule 5 of the MMER (June 2002) for Reference Method EPAW 95-EPA West Coast: 7-day Topsmelt Survival and Growth Test.

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#### APPENDIX E

i. Information specified in Schedule 5 of the MMER (June 2002) for Reference Method EPA/600/4-91-003, Method 1009.0: Algae (*Champia parvula*) 7-day Sublethal Growth Test (Annual).

## **APPENDIX F (Mass Loadings)**

- i. Concentration & monthly mean concentrations of each deleterious substance of Schedule 4
- ii. pH of the effluents samples as required by subsection 12(1)
- iii. Description of sample collection method
- iv. Total volume of effluent deposited during each month of the quarter as per section 19
- v. Mass loading of the deleterious substances set out in Schedule 4 and as per section 20

#### APPENDIX G

i. Results of the effluent characterization as per paragraph 15(1)(a)

# APPENDIX A

**96-h Acute Rainbow Trout Toxicity Test** 

## **Section 8.1.1 Effluent**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - Samples for monthly acute toxicity testing were collected
  - Test 1: Wednesday July 30, 2003 1:00 PM
  - Test 2: Wednesday August 20, 2003 12:30 AM
  - Test 3: Tuesday September 16, 2003 5:00 PM
- iii. Type of sample
  - Final effluent water
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - 20m downstream of the siphon discharge point at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - Water was collected from at least 15cm below the surface using a water pump with silicon tubing
  - Water was collected from the upstream direction
  - The pump was flushed with site water for at least one minute prior to sample collection
  - 2 x 20L sample bottles were filled
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - Dennis Lu (Gartner Lee)

#### **Section 8.1.2 Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - 96-hour Rainbow Trout LC<sub>50</sub>
- ii. Indications of deviations from requirements in Sections 2 to 7 of Method EPS 1/RM/13
  - No deviations from requirements
  - Salinity controls were run
  - Sample water salinity was 2ppt (Test 1); 4ppt (Test 2), and 6ppt (Test 3)
- iii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - EVS Environment Consultants, North Vancouver, BC
- iv. Percent mortality of fish in stock tank(s)
  - Test 1: 0.1%
  - Test 2: 0.1%
  - Test 3: 1%
- v. Species of test organism
  - Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
- vi. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - Test 1: Saturday August 2, 2003 2:00 PM
  - Test 2: Friday August 22, 2003 12:30 PM
  - Test 3: Friday September 19, 2003 5:00 PM
- vii. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - Andy Diewald, Devika Jayaweera, May Lee
- viii.pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity of unadjusted, undiluted effluent
  - Test 1: pH 7.8, T 15.0°C, DO 10.0mg/L, C 4100µmhos/cm
  - Test 2: pH 7.8, T 15.0°C, DO 10.1mg/L, C 6000µmhos/cm
  - Test 3: pH 8.1, T 16.0°C, DO 10.0mg/L, C 8000μmhos/cm

- ix. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - Test 1: No pH adjustment
  - Test 2: No pH adjustment
  - Test 3: No pH adjustment
- x. Indication of aeration of test solutions before introduction of fish
  - Test 1:  $6.5 \pm 1$  mL/min/L for 60mins
  - Test 2:  $6.5 \pm 1$  mL/min/L for 90mins
  - Test 3:  $6.5 \pm 1$  mL/min/L for 120mins
- xi. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - Concentrations (% effluent volume / total volume) tested and total volumes used were:
  - Control (0%) 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - 6.25% 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - 12.5% 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - 25% 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - 50% 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - 100% 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
  - Salinity Control 12 L (test 1&2), 15 L (test 3)
- xii. Measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
  - Test 1: DO: 8.2 10.1 mg/L, pH: 7.0 7.8, T: 15.0 °C
  - Test 2: DO: 8.2 10.1 mg/L, pH: 7.1 7.8, T: 15.0 °C
  - Test 3: DO: 8.2 10.0 mg/L, pH: 6.6 8.1, T: 15.0 16.0 °C

xiii.Number of fish added to each test vessel

• 10 fish/ vessel

xiv. Mean and range of fork length of control fish at end of test

- Test 1: 42mm (40-44)
- Test 2: 38mm (35-42)
- Test 3: 36mm (32-40)
- xv. Mean wet weight of individual control fish at end of the test
  - Test 1: 0.57g (0.43-0.68)
  - Test 2: 0.59g (0.43-0.72)
  - Test 3: 0.50g (0.35-0.61)

xvi. Estimated loading density of fish in test solutions

- Test 1: 0.48g/L
- Test 2: 0.49g/L
- Test 3: 0.33g/L

## **Section 8.1.3 Results**

- i. Number of mortalities of fish in each test solution
  - Results were the same for Test 1, Test 2, and Test 3, except where noted
  - Control (0%) 0
  - 6.25% 0
  - 12.5% 0
  - 25% 0
  - 50% 0 (test 1&2), 1 (test 3)
  - 100% 0
  - Salinity Control 0

- ii. Number of control fish showing atypical/stressed behaviour
  - None in Test 1, Test 2, or Test 3
- iii. Mean mortality rate in solutions of effluent and control water
  - Results were the same for Test 1, Test 2, and Test 3, except where noted
  - Control (0%) 0%
  - 6.25% 0%
  - 12.5% 0%
  - 25% 0%
  - 50% 0% (test 1&2), 10% (test 3)
  - 100% 0%
  - Salinity Control 0%
- iv. Estimate of 96-h LC50 in multi-concentration tests
  - Results were the same for Test 1, Test 2, and Test 3
  - 96hr LC<sub>50</sub> concentration > 100% effluent
- v. Most recent 96-h LC50 for reference toxicity test(s)
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: SDS
  - Test 1: (Jul-10-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 36 \text{mg/L SDS}$ , 95% CL = 30-42 mg/L
  - Test 2: (Aug-5-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 24 \text{mg/L SDS}$ , 95% CL = 18-32 mg/L
  - Test 3: (Sep-3-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 24 \text{mg/L SDS}$ , 95% CL = 22-26 mg/L

# APPENDIX B

72-h Acute Daphnia magna Toxicity Test

## **Section 8.1.1 Effluent**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - Samples for monthly acute toxicity testing were collected
  - Test 1: Wednesday July 30, 2003 1:00 PM
  - Test 2: Wednesday August 20, 2003 12:30 AM
  - Test 3: Tuesday September 16, 2003 5:00 PM
- iii. Type of sample
  - Final effluent water
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - 20m downstream of the siphon discharge point at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - Water was collected from at least 15cm below the surface using a water pump with silicon tubing
  - Water was collected from the upstream direction
  - The pump was flushed with site water for at least one minute prior to sample collection
  - 2 x 20L sample bottles were filled
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - Dennis Lu (Gartner Lee)

#### **Section 8.1.2 Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - 48-hour *Daphnia magna* LC<sub>50</sub>
- ii. Indications of deviations from requirements in Sections 2 to 7 of Method EPS 1/RM/13
  - No deviations from requirements
  - Salinity controls were run
  - Sample water salinity was 2ppt (Test 1); 4ppt (Test 2), and 6ppt (Test 3)
- iii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - EVS Environment Consultants, North Vancouver, BC
- iv. Species of test organism
  - Daphnia magna
- v. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - Test 1: Saturday August 2, 2003 2:00 PM
  - Test 2: Friday August 22, 2003 3:30 PM
  - Test 3: Friday September 19, 2003 3:15 PM
- vi. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - Andy Diewald and May Lee
- vii. pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity of unadjusted, undiluted effluent
  - Test 1: pH 7.5, T 21.0°C, DO 8.7mg/L, C 4100μmhos/cm
  - Test 2: pH 7.8, T 20.0°C, DO 8.9mg/L, C 9280μmhos/cm
  - Test 3: pH 8.0, T 19.5°C, DO 8.7mg/L, C 11330μmhos/cm
- viii. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - Test 1: No pH adjustment
  - Test 2: No pH adjustment
  - Test 3: No pH adjustment

- ix. Indication of any adjustment of hardness of effluent sample
  - Test 1: No hardness adjustment
  - Test 2: No hardness adjustment
  - Test 3: No hardness adjustment
- x. Indication of any aeration of sample
  - Test 1: No pre-aeration adjustment
  - Test 2: No pre-aeration adjustment
  - Test 3: 25-50 mL/min/L for 10mins
- xi. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - Concentrations (% effluent volume / total volume) tested and total volumes used were:
  - Control (0%) 200 mL
  - 6.25% 200 mL
  - 12.5% 200 mL
  - 25% 200 mL
  - 50% 200 mL
  - 100% 200 mL
  - Salinity Control 200 mL
- xii. Measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
  - Test 1: DO: 8.3 8.7 mg/L, pH: 7.5 7.9, T: 20.0 21.0 °C
  - Test 2: DO: 8.4 9.0 mg/L, pH: 7.6 8.1, T: 20.0 20.5 °C
  - Test 3: DO: 8.3 9.1 mg/L, pH: 7.6 8.1, T: 19.5 21.0 °C
- xiii. Estimates of time to first brood, average number of neonates per brood, and percent mortality during the seven-day period prior to the test
  - Test 1: 9 days to brood, >15 neonates/brood, 4.6% mortality in 7d prior to test
  - Test 2: 9 days to brood, >19.9 neonates/brood, 10.0% mortality in 7d prior to test
  - Test 3: 8 days to brood, >26.3 neonates/brood, 5.5% mortality in 7d prior to test
- xiv. Number of neonates per test vessel and milliliters of solution per daphnid
  - Methods for all tests and dilution series were the same:
  - 10 neonates per vessel
  - 200 mL of solution per daphnid

#### **Section 8.1.3 Results**

- . Number of dead and/or immobile daphnids in each test solution including controls
  - Results were the same for Test 1, Test 2, and Test 3, except where noted
  - Control (0%) 0 dead / immobile (test 1&2), 1 dead (test 3)
  - 6.25% 0 dead / immobile
  - 12.5% 0 dead / immobile
  - 25% 0 dead / immobile
  - 50% 0 dead / immobile
  - 100% 0 dead / immobile (test 1&2), 1 dead (test 3)
  - Salinity Control 0 dead / immobile
- ii. For single-concentration test the number of daphnids dead in each of three replicate effluent solutions and in each of three replicate control solutions at end of test. Also report the mean value.
  - Single concentration test was not conducted, dilution series tests were conducted

- iii. Estimate of 48-h LC50 and 95% confidence limits in multi-concentration tests, 48-h EC50 for immobilization and 95% confidence limits, indication of statistical method on which results are based.
  - Test 1: 48-h  $LC_{50} = > 100\%$  effluent
  - Test 2: 48-h  $LC_{50} = > 100\%$  effluent
  - Test 3: 48-h  $LC_{50} = > 100\%$  effluent
- iv. Most recent 48-h LC50 for reference toxicant test(s), reference chemical(s), date test initiated, historic geometric mean LC50 and warning limits.
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: Zinc
  - Test 1: (Aug-7-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 453 \mu g/L Zinc$ , 95%  $CL = 377-544 \mu g/L$
  - Test 2: (Aug-7-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 453 \mu g/L \text{ Zinc}$ , 95%  $CL = 377-544 \mu g/L$
  - Test 3: (Sep-23-03) 96-h  $LC_{50} = 429 \mu g/L \text{ Zinc}$ , 95%  $CL = 355-518 \mu g/L$

# APPENDIX C

7-d Topsmelt Growth and Survival Toxicity Test

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/R-95/136

## **Effluent Sample**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - Samples for yearly sublethal toxicity testing were collected:
    - Wednesday August 20, 2003 12:30 AM
- iii. Type of sample
  - Final effluent water
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - 20m downstream of the siphon discharge point at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - Water was collected from at least 15cm below the surface using a water pump with silicon tubing
  - Water was collected from the upstream direction
  - The pump was flushed with site water for at least one minute prior to sample collection
  - 4 x 20L sample bottles were filled
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - Dennis Lu (Gartner Lee)

## **Test Organisms Imported from External Supplier**

- i. Species of test organism
  - Topsmelt (*Atherinops affinis*)
- ii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - EVS Environment Consultants, North Vancouver, BC
- iii. Source of test species
  - Aquatic Bio Systems (ABS), Fort Collins, Colorado
- iv. Date test species acquired on
  - August 21, 2003
- v. Indications of deviations from EC guidance on the importation of test organisms
  - No deviations from EC requirements
- vi. Percent mortality of fish in 24-hour period preceding the test
  - <10% mortality
- vii. Age at start of test
  - 10 days post-hatch
- viii. Unusual appearance, behaviour, or treatment of larvae before their use in the test
  - Nothing unusual, no excessive crowding of larvae, larvae appear healthy, disease-free, stress free,
- ix. Confirmation that larvae are actively feeding and swimbladders are not inflated
  - Larvae actively feeding and swimbladders not inflated
- x. Confirmation that temperature change was <3°C and dissolved oxygen was maintained at >6mg/L during transport
  - Temperature change was <2°C and dissolved oxygen supersaturated mg/L during transport
- xi. Test organism acclimation rate at the testing laboratory
  - Holding water conditions upon arrival were DO=supersaturated, pH=7.3, T=22°C
  - Organisms were acclimated slowly overnight
  - Addition of EVS lab seawater at intervals of 30 60min to reach acceptable conditions
  - Organisms were acclimated to DO=8mg/L, salinity=28ppt,T=20°C

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/R-95/136

#### **Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - 7-day Topsmelt (Atherinops affinis) Survival and Growth Toxicity Test
  - Static renewal
  - Sample water was renewed daily
  - Reference Method EPA/600/R-95/136 (EPAW 95-EPA West Coast)
- ii. Indications of deviations from requirements in Sections 11 of Method EPA/600/R-95/136 (EPAW 95-EPA West Coast)
  - No deviations from requirements
  - Salinity controls were run
  - Sample water salinity was 5.3ppt
- iii. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - Friday August 22, 2003 5:00 PM
- iv. Test vessel description
  - 600mL beaker
- v. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - Kevin Goodearle, Julianna Kalocai, Sioe Lie Kwee, Rachel DeWynter, Edmund Canaria, and Armando Tang
- vi. pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity of unadjusted, undiluted effluent
  - pH 7.9, T 20.0°C, DO 11.0mg/L, C 9570µmhos/cm, (salinity 5.3 ppt)
- vii. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - No pH adjustment
- viii. Indication of aeration of test solutions before introduction of fish
  - Pre-aeration at 6.5mL/min/L for 30mins due to supersaturation of sample with O<sub>2</sub> when sample was heated to 20°C
  - DO was reduced from 11.0mg/L to 7.8 mg/L
- ix. Indication that EC guidance document for salinity adjustment was followed
  - No deviations from EC guidance document on preparation of hypersaline brine
  - HSB prepared from natural seawater concentrated to 90ppt (by freezing/refreezing to remove frozen layer and concentrate salts)
  - No deviations from EC guidance document for salinity adjustment of sample
  - HSB was added to samples to salinity adjust them from 5.3ppt to 30ppt
- x. Type and source of control/dilution water
  - UV-sterilized, 0.45 µm-filtered natural seawater from the Vancouver Aquarium
- xi. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - Concentrations (% effluent volume / total volume) tested and total volumes used were:
  - Control (0%) 200 mL
  - Salinity Control (0%) 200 mL
  - 4.5% 200mL
  - 9.0% 200mL
  - 18.1% 200mL
  - 36.2% 200mL
  - 72.3% 200mL
- xii. Number of replicated per concentration
  - 5 replicates per concentration
- xiii.Number of organisms added to each test vessel
  - 5 fish per vessel
- xiv. Manner and rate of exchange of test solutions
  - Daily renewal

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/R-95/136

- xv. Measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
  - DO: 6.6 7.8 mg/L, pH: 7.7 8.2, T: 19.0 20.0 °C, salinity: 29 31 ppt

#### **Results**

- i. Number and % of mortalities of fish in each test solution
  - Totals from all 5 replicates are presented:
  - Control (0%) 1/25 = 4%
  - Salinity Control 0/25 = 0%
  - 4.5% 0/25 = 0%
  - 9.0% 0/25 = 0%
  - 18.1% 0/25 = 0%
  - 36.2% 0/25 = 0%
  - 72.3% 1/25 = 4%
- ii. Average dry weight per original fish in test vessel
  - Means from all 5 replicates are presented:
  - Control (0%) 1.18 mg
  - Salinity Control 1.14 mg
  - 4.5% 1.13 mg
  - 9.0% 1.32 mg
  - 18.1% 1.09 mg
  - 36.2% 1.11 mg
  - 72.3% 1.14 mg
- iii. Estimate of 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> (95% CL)
  - 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> concentration > 72.3% effluent (highest concentration tested due to dilution for salinity adjustment)
  - Quantal statistic methods not applicable
- iv. Estimate of 7-d IC<sub>25</sub> (95% CL) for growth
  - 7-d IC<sub>25</sub> concentration > 72.3% effluent (highest concentration tested due to dilution for salinity adjustment)
  - Ouantal statistic methods not applicable
- v. Current reference toxicity tests (95% CL) for 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> for survival and 7-d IC<sub>50</sub> for growth
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: Copper
  - Test conducted on August 22, 2003, same day as effluent test
  - Reference toxicant test was conducted on the same batch of externally supplied topsmelt used in the effluent test and under the same experimental conditions as the effluent test
  - 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> survival = 122mg/L Cu, 95% CL = 111-135mg/L
  - 7-d  $IC_{50}$  growth = 122mg/L Cu, 95% CL = 106-132mg/L
- vi. Reference toxicity warning limits (+/- SD) for 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> for survival and 7-d IC<sub>50</sub> for growth
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: Copper
  - 7-d LC<sub>50</sub> survival =  $139 \pm 63$ mg/L Cu,
  - 7-d IC<sub>50</sub> growth =  $136 \pm 52$ mg/L Cu

## APPENDIX D

92-h Echinoderm Fertilization Test

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPS1/RM/27-EC 92 (Sperm Cell)

#### **Effluent Sample**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - Samples for yearly sublethal toxicity testing were collected:

Wednesday August 20, 2003 - 12:30 AM

- iii. Type of sample
  - Final effluent water
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - 20m downstream of the siphon discharge point at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - Water was collected from at least 15cm below the surface using a water pump with silicon tubing
  - Water was collected from the upstream direction
  - The pump was flushed with site water for at least one minute prior to sample collection
  - 4 x 20L sample bottles were filled
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - Dennis Lu (Gartner Lee)

#### **Test Organisms**

- i. Species of test organism
  - Sandollar Echinoid (Dendraster excentricus)
- ii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - EVS Environment Consultants, North Vancouver, BC
- iii. Source of test species
  - M-REP, Escondido, California
  - All adults providing gametes are from the same population and source
  - Gametes are spawned in-house at EVS
- iv. Date test species acquired on
  - August 22, 2003
- v. Holding time and conditions for adults
  - Adults received at the testing laboratory the day of the test, shipped overnight
- vi. Indications of deviations from EC guidance on the importation of test organisms
  - No deviations from EC requirements
- vii. Weekly percent mortality of adults being held over 7d preceding test
  - <2% per day over the 7 days preceding the test
- viii. Age of test organisms
  - < 4 hours after spawning
- ix. Unusual appearance, behaviour, or treatment of adults or gametes before test start
  - Organisms appear healthy

## **Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - Echinoderm (Dendraster excentricus) Fertilization Toxicity Test
  - Static
  - Reference Method EPS/1/RM/27 with 1997 amendments
- ii. Test duration
  - 10:10 min (10min sperm + 10min sperm & egg)
- iii. Date and time for start of definitive test

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPS1/RM/27-EC 92 (Sperm Cell)

- Friday August 22, 2003 5:00 PM
- iv. Test vessel description
  - 16 x 125mm test tubes
- v. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - Kevin Goodearle, Julianna Kalocai, Sioe Lie Kwee, Rachel DeWynter, Edmund Canaria, and Armando Tang
- vi. Indication of rate and duration of pre-aeration of test solutions before initiation of test
  - No pre-aeration
- vii. Confirmation that no adjustment of sample or solution pH occurred
  - No pH adjustment
- viii. Procedure for sample filtration
  - No sample filtration
- ix. Procedure for preparation of hypersaline brine (HSB) as per EC guidance document on salinity adjustment July 1997
  - No deviations from EC guidance for salinity adjustment
- x. Procedure for salinity adjustment as per EC guidance document on salinity adjustment July 1997
  - No deviations from EC guidance for salinity adjustment
  - Salinity adjusted from 5ppt to 29ppt
- xi. Type and source of control/dilution water
  - UV-sterilized, 0.45µm-filtered natural seawater from the Vancouver Aquarium
- xii. Concentrations and volumes tested
  - Concentrations (% effluent volume / total volume) tested and total volumes used were:
  - Control (0%) 10mL
  - Salinity Control (0%) 10mL
  - 4.6% 10mL
  - 9.1% 10mL
  - 18.2% 10mL
  - 36.5% 10mL
  - 73.0% 10mL
- xiii. Number of replicated per concentration
  - 4 replicates per treatment concentration
- xiv. Number of organisms per container
  - 2000 eggs per 10mL vessel
- xv. Measurements of pH and dissolved oxygen in sample water before use
  - pH 8.3, DO 8.4mg/L
- xvi. Measurements of pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and salinity during test
  - pH 7.9-8.4, T 15.0-15.5°C, DO 8.1-8.4mg/L, salinity 29ppt

#### Results

- i. Number and % of fertilized eggs in each test concentration
  - (Number is equal to percent since totals were 100)
  - Control (0%): #F = 51, 50, 52, 54 #UF = 49, 50, 49, 46
  - Salinity Control: #F = 51, 52, 50, 51 #UF = 49, 48, 50, 49
  - 4.6%: #F = 35, 40, 29, 45 #UF = 65, 60, 71, 55
  - 9.1%: #F = 36, 28, 33, 25 #UF = 64, 72, 67, 75
  - 18.2%: #F = 22, 24, 18, 20 #UF = 78, 78, 82, 80
    36.5%: #F = 12, 8, 7, 10 #UF = 88, 92, 93, 90
  - 73.0%: #F = 1, 0, 2, 0 #UF = 99, 100, 98, 100

# Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPS1/RM/27-EC 92 (Sperm Cell)

- ii. Estimate of IC<sub>25</sub> (95% CL) for fertilization success
  - IC<sub>25</sub> concentration = 3.8 (1.1 7.2)% v/v effluent
  - Quantal statistic method = log linear interpolation
- iii. Current reference toxicity tests (95% CL) for IC<sub>50</sub> for fertilization
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate
  - Test conducted on August 22, 2003, same day as effluent test
  - Reference test conducted under same conditions
  - $IC_{50}$  for fertilization = 1.3mg/L SDS, 95% CL = 1.1-1.5mg/L

# **APPENDIX E**

7-d Sublethal Champia (Algae) Toxicity Test

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/4-91/003 Method 1009.0

## **Effluent Sample**

- i. Name & location of operation generating the effluent
  - Polaris Mine, Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut
  - Final Discharge Point for Garrow Lake is geo referenced as 75° 22' 32" N, 97° 48' 37" W.
- ii. Date & time of sampling
  - Samples for yearly sublethal toxicity testing were collected:
    - Wednesday August 20, 2003 12:30 AM
- iii. Type of sample
  - Final effluent water
- iv. Brief description of sampling point
  - 20m downstream of the siphon discharge point at Garrow Lake dam
- v. Sampling method
  - Water was collected from at least 15cm below the surface using a water pump with silicon tubing
  - Water was collected from the upstream direction
  - The pump was flushed with site water for at least one minute prior to sample collection
  - 1 x 4L sample bottles were filled
- vi. Name of person submitting samples
  - Dennis Lu (Gartner Lee)
- vii. Temperature of water upon receipt at lab
  - 13°C

#### **Test Organisms**

- i. Species of test organism
  - Algae (Champia parvula)
- ii. Name and city of testing laboratory
  - Saskatchewan Research Council [SRC], Saskatoon, SK
- iii. Source of test species
  - Sexually mature male and female branches
  - Obtained from USEPA, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport Oregon, 1995
  - Appear in good health
  - Females have trichogynes, males have sori with spermatia

## **Test Facilities and Conditions**

- i. Test type & method
  - Champia parvula sexual reproduction test
  - Static, non-renewal
  - 2-day exposure, followed by 5-7 day recovery period for cystocarp development
  - Reference Method EPA/600/4-91/003, Method 1009.0
- ii. Date and time for start of definitive test
  - Friday August 22, 2003 10:00 AM
- iii. Test vessel description
  - 270mL transparent polystyrene cups with polystyrene lids
- iv. Person(s) performing the test and verifying the results
  - Mary Moody
- v. Indication of pre-aeration of test solutions
  - No pre-aeration
- vi. Confirmation that no pH adjustment of sample or solution occurred
  - No pH adjustment

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/4-91/003 Method 1009.0

- vii. Indication that EC guidance document for salinity adjustment was followed
  - No deviations from EC guidance document on preparation of hypersaline brine
  - HSB prepared from natural seawater at 90ppt
  - No deviations from EC guidance document for salinity adjustment of sample
  - Salinity adjustment: 642mL effluent + 258mL HSB + 9mL test nutrient solution
  - Salinity of samples adjusted from 5ppt to 30ppt
- viii. Type and source of control/dilution water
  - Natural seawater collected at the Pacific Environmental Center, Environment Canada, North Vancouver, BC
  - Filtered to 0.2µm and autoclaved prior to use
  - Salinity adjusted as per EC guidance document to 30ppt with HSB from the same source
- ix. Concentrations and volumes of test solutions
  - Concentrations (% effluent volume / total volume) tested and total volumes used were:
  - Control (Natural Seawater) (0%) 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - Salinity Control Brine (0%) 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - 4.5% 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - 8.9% 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - 17.8% 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - 35.6% 100mL, 4.5cm depth
  - 71.3% 100mL, 4.5cm depth
- x. Number of replicated per concentration
  - 3 replicates per concentration
- xi. Number of organisms per test chamber
  - 5 female branches + 2 male branches per chamber
- xii. Measurements of pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and salinity of sample before use
  - pH 7.93, T 23.5°C, DO 9.4mg/L, salinity 5ppt
- xiii.Measurements of pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and salinity of sample during test
  - DO: 7.8 8.0 mg/L, pH: 7.74 8.98, T: 23°C, salinity: 30ppt

#### **Results**

- i. Number and % mortality of female plants after recovery in each test solution
  - Totals from all 3 replicates are presented:
  - Control (0%): 0 (0%) mortality
    Salinity Control (0%): 0 (0%) mortality
    4.5%: 0 (0%) mortality
    8.9%: 0 (0%) mortality
    17.8%: 0 (0%) mortality
  - 35.6%: 0 (0%) mortality 71.3%: 0 (0%) mortality
- ii. Mean number of cystocarps per plant in each test concentration
  - Control (0%): 57.4; 49.6; 44.2
    Salinity Control (0%): 66.4; 44.0; 45.2
    4.5%: 52.2; 51.4; 57.4
    8.9%: 61.2; 63.6; 41.2
    17.8%: 30.4; 34.4; 18.6
  - 35.6%:6.6; 6.0; 7.671.3%:0.0; 2.4; 1.4

## Reporting Requirements for Reference Method EPA/600/4-91/003 Method 1009.0

- iii. Estimate of IC<sub>25</sub> (95% CL) for cystocarp development
  - $IC_{25}$  concentration = 13.6 (9.0-16.0)% effluent v/v
  - Quantal statistic method was linear interpolation
- iv. Current reference toxicity tests (95% CL) for IC<sub>50</sub> for cystocarp development
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate
  - Test conducted on July 29, 2003, within 30 days of effluent test
  - Reference toxicant test was conducted under the same experimental conditions as the effluent test
  - $IC_{50}$  cystocarp development = 1.19mg/L SDS, 95% CL = 1.14-1.23mg/L
- v. Reference toxicity warning limits (+/- 2SD) for IC<sub>50</sub> for cystocarp development
  - Reference toxicity tests for Toxicant: SDS
  - 7-d  $IC_{50}$  growth = 1.47 (1.17-1.84) mg/L SDS

# **APPENDIX F**

**Effluent Metals Concentrations and Loadings** 

# 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MMER REPORT

## LOCATION - FINAL DISCHARGE POINT FROM GARROW LAKE (GARROW LAKE DAM SIPHONS)

## CONCENTRATIONS OF EFFLUENT FOR MMER SCHEDULE 4 SAMPLED WEEKLY

Sample Taken											
<b>During The</b>	Date				Collection						
Week of	Sample Taken	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>1</sup>	pH <sup>1</sup>	Method
07-Jul-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>
14-Jul-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>
21-Jul-03	25-Jul-03	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.008	0.001	0.048	3.0	0.005	7.77	Water Pump
28-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.003	0.001	0.063	3.0	0.005	7.84	Water Pump
04-Aug-03	05-Aug-03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.089	3.0	0.005	7.85	Water Pump
11-Aug-03	12-Aug-03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.151	3.0	0.005	7.94	Water Pump
18-Aug-03	19-Aug-03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.000	0.003	0.146	8.0	0.005	8.1	Water Pump
25-Aug-03	26-Aug-03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.160	3.0	0.005	7.96	Water Pump
01-Sep-03	02-Sep-03	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.003	0.003	0.150	10.0	0.005	8.06	Water Pump
08-Sep-03	09-Sep-03	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.158	11.0	0.010	7.94	Water Pump
15-Sep-03	16-Sep-03	0.001	0.001	-	0.000	0.004	0.186	5.0	0.005	7.96	Water Pump
22-Sep-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>
29-Sep-03	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na²	na²	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>	na <sup>2</sup>

Note<sup>1</sup> - All concentrations are in mg/L except Radium 226 which is Bq/L and pH which is in pH units

Note <sup>2</sup> - "na" refers to no effluent discharge to sample

Concentrations in red italics were set to the detection limit

#### MONTHLY MEAN CONCENTRATIONS OF EFFLUENT FOR MMER SCHEDULE 4

	MONTHLY MEAN CONCENTRATION OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE <sup>2</sup>									
MONTH OF	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226		
July/03	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.006	0.001	0.055	3.00	0.005		
August/03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.002	0.137	4.25	0.005		
September/03	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.003	0.165	8.67	0.007		

Note<sup>1</sup> - All concentrations are in mg/L except Radium 226 which is Bq/L

Note<sup>2</sup> - Monthly Mean Concentrations - the MEAN value of the concentrations measured in all water samples collected during each month when a deleterious substance is deposited.

#### MASS LOADING OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE FOR EACH DAY SAMPLED

Sample Taken										Average Daily		
<b>During The</b>	Date	D.	DAILY MASS LOADING OF DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE (kg/day) <sup>1</sup>									
Week of	Sample Taken	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>1</sup>	(m³/day)		
07-Jul-03	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>		
14-Jul-03	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>		
21-Jul-03	25-Jul-03	0.004	0.044	0.181	0.286	0.046	1.730	108.4	180,615	36,123		
28-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	0.026	0.037	0.321	0.205	0.074	4.015	192.7	321,225	64,245		
04-Aug-03	05-Aug-03	0.038	0.052	0.384	0.064	0.110	6.843	230.2	383,590	76,718		
11-Aug-03	12-Aug-03	0.089	0.081	0.443	0.110	0.227	13.388	266.0	443,310	88,662		
18-Aug-03	19-Aug-03	0.097	0.094	0.484	0.045	0.257	14.141	774.9	484,295	96,859		
25-Aug-03	26-Aug-03	0.113	0.102	0.566	0.129	0.295	18.100	339.4	565,610	113,122		
01-Sep-03	02-Sep-03	0.021	0.094	0.525	0.350	0.288	15.762	1050.8	525,415	105,083		
08-Sep-03	09-Sep-03	0.195	0.105	0.489	0.114	0.285	15.441	1075.0	977,270	97,727		
15-Sep-03	16-Sep-03	0.080	0.079	-	0.037	0.291	14.817	398.3	398,305	79,661		
22-Sep-03	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>		
29-Sep-03	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>	na <sup>3</sup>		

Note<sup>1</sup> - Mass Loading is in kilograms per day of the deleterious substance deposited except Radium 226 which is in Bq per day

#### MASS LOADING PER CALENDAR MONTH FOR EACH DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCE

									Average Weekly	Total Monthly
CALENDAR	Flow Rate <sup>3</sup>	Volume⁴								
MONTH OF	Arsenic	Copper	Cyanide	Lead	Nickel	Zinc	TSS	Radium 226 <sup>2</sup>	(m³/week)	(m³/month)
July/03	0.45	1.25	7.78	7.62	1.85	89	4,667	7,778,520	351,288	1,555,704
August/03	2.61	2.55	14.55	2.69	6.89	407	12,480	14,545,239	656,882	2,909,048
September/03	2.96	2.77	15.21	5.01	8.64	460	25,241	19,009,900	659,099	2,824,710

Note<sup>1</sup> - Total Mass Loading for Calendar month calculated by multiplying the Average Daily Mass Loading for the Month x # days in the month

Note<sup>2</sup> - Flow Rate must be taken at the same time as samples are effluent qualtity samples are taken

Note <sup>3</sup> - "na" refers to no effluent discharge to sample

Note<sup>2</sup> - Mass loading units are in kg per month except Radium 226, which is in Bq permonth

Note<sup>3</sup> - Average Weekly Flow Rate calculated by multiplying Average Daily Flow Rate x 7 days per week

Note<sup>4</sup> - Total Monthly Volume calculated by multiplying Average Daily Flow Rate for the month x days in month

# **APPENDIX G**

**Results of Effluent Characterization** 

## RESULTS OF EFFLUENT CHARACTERIZATION

## AS PER PARAGRAPH 15(1)(a)

Nine effluent samples were collected on a weekly basis during the 3<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2003 beginning on July 25, 2003 and ceasing on September 16, 2003. Three of the nine samples were "monthly" samples and analysed for a wider suite of elements, as per the guidance document. Monthly loadings of metals to Garrow Bay were calculated based on average weekly discharge volumes from Garrow Lake to Garrow Bay via the creek outflow.

No holding times were missed for any of the water chemistry of toxicity testing samples.

Water samples for acute and sublethal toxicity testing were collected using a pump system from about 20 m downstream of the dam on Garrow Lake, within the main flow of the creek. Acute Lethality Testing was conducted during three months (July, August, and September) during the quarter. There were no adverse effects observed for either the 96-hr Rainbow Trout toxicity test, or the 48-hr *Daphnia magna* toxicity test. LC<sub>50</sub> values were >100% effluent for both species in all testing events.

Sublethal Toxicity Testing was conducted once during August 2003. As this is considered a marine discharge, marine species were used for sublethal testing following brine adjustment of the brackish effluent (as per test protocols). Testing for fish (7-d Topsmelt growth and survival) and invertebrates (Sand dollar) was conducted at EVS Environment Consultants, Vancouver, while algae (48-h *Champia*) testing was undertaken by the Saskatchewan Research Council, Saskatoon.

There were no effects observed in the Topsmelt Survival and Growth Test at 100% effluent v/v.

Sublethal effects were observed for the echinoid and algal tests and concentrations less than 100% effluent v/v. In the echinoid (*Dendraster excentricus*) fertilization test (EVS Consultants), the LOAEL was 4.6% v/v effluent, the IC<sub>25</sub> was 3.8% v/v, and the IC<sub>50</sub> was 13.0% v/v. In the *Champia parvula* sexual reproduction test (Saskatchewan Research Council) the LOAEL was 17.8% v/v effluent, the IC<sub>25</sub> 13.6% v/v, and the IC<sub>50</sub> was 18.8% v/v.

Zinc was the primary contaminant of potential concern (COPC) identified in mine effluent and is the only metal to consistently exceed BC Ambient Water Quality Guidelines (BC AWQG) in effluent. During the 9 week discharge period, effluent zinc concentration averaged  $128 \pm 49 \mu g/L$  (range  $48 - 186 \mu g/L$ ), which is well below the MMER effluent limit of  $500 \mu g/L$ . The BC AWQG is  $10 \mu g/L$ . On August 19, 2003, when the sublethal samples were collected, the concentration of Zn in the effluent was  $146 \mu g/L$ . Converting the echinoid test endpoints into Zn concentrations results in a Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level (LOAEL) of  $6.7 \mu g/L$  Zinc, an  $IC_{25}$  of  $5.5 \mu g/L$ , and an  $IC_{50}$  of  $19.0 \mu g/L$ . Reference toxicity tests of zinc on *Dendraster* fertilization give mean  $EC_{50}$  concentrations of 8.5- $60 \mu g/L$  (Dinnel et al. 1983). The concentration of zinc in the effluent that corresponds to the  $IC_{50}$  (i.e.,  $19.0 \mu g/L$ ) is within the effects range reported in reference *Dendraster* fertilization tests. Thus the echinoid test is quite sensitive to zinc, with the LOAEL being less than the BC AWQG concentration.

Endpoints for the *Champia* test in terms of zinc concentrations were 26.0 $\mu$ g/L Zn (LOAEL), 19.9 $\mu$ g/L (IC<sub>25</sub>), and 27.4 $\mu$ g/L (IC<sub>50</sub>). The reference IC<sub>25</sub> endpoint for zinc in the *Champia* test performed in-house at SRC was 27 $\mu$ g/L (95% confidence limits 16-42 $\mu$ g/L). This reference concentration is very similar to zinc concentrations in the mine effluent at the toxicity endpoints observed in the *Champia* test. *Champia* also appears to be sensitive to zinc concentrations at or below the BC AWQG.

Given the similarity between zinc concentrations in the effluent samples and the effects concentrations of zinc in reference tests, it is likely that zinc is responsible for the sublethal effects observed in both the *Dendraster* and *Champia* tests.

Reference: Dinnel, P.A., Q.J. Stober, J.M. Link, M.W. Letourneau, W.E. Roberts, S.P. Felton, and R.E. Nakatan. 1983. Methodology and Validation of a Sperm Cell Toxicity Test for Testing Toxic Substances in Marine Waters. Final Report, FRI-UW-8306, Fisheries Research Inst., School of Fisheries, University of Washington, Seattle, WA:208. Source: EPA EcoTox database.

# **APPENDIX 8**

# **EMERGENCY SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING**



## **Spill Training**

Formal spill training commenced in April after the contingency plan was finalized. The first session was held on April 20 2003.

#### **Session One:**

Attendance: P Newham

A Aubry
P Simms
B Power
E Roy
J Laverne
E Weidhaas

This was classroom training involving the inspection of containment berms, and the importance of carrying absorbent pads in all equipment.

#### Training Session Two:

This was classroom training involving the use of the zoom boom and the boats. This was conducted on June 8/03

#### Attendance:

P Simms

J Bonia

J Halle

J Laverne

**JSingleton** 

E Roy

**B** Power

#### Training Session Three:

Training date July 24/03

This training was more in depth. as the fuel ship MV ARCTIC was arriving with 4.7 million liters of P50 diesel fuel. The training involved the placement of the boats. There was a ramp constructed to have easy access to remove the zoom boom. The zoom boom was put in place, and different scenarios were discussed.

The off loading of fuel procedure was discussed with the E.R.T. and recommendations, requested were addressed with written procedures. Absorbent sheets were made available and the use discussed with the team. PPE was discussed with all personnel involved.

A action plan was put in place and followed.

#### Attendance:

V Rice

J Singleton

S Lemieux

J Halle

R Parsons

**B** Power

J Jones

#### Training Session Four:

Training date was Oct 19/03and Dec 15/03

This was classroom training and the areas discussed were all fuel storage areas, the fuel line used daily to accommodations and the tank farm. The location of the spill kits and the location of the absorbent pads. The seasonal diversities and adverse weather conditions were discussed and how to respond.

Attendance:

P Newham

Jim Bonia

R Peroli

**V** Rice

R Langlois

J Jones

R Parsons

**B** Power

## Additional Dialogue On Prevention

The importance of spill prevention and emergency response is a frequently discussed topic during daily FLRA meetings. All equipment operators are required to carry absorbent pads in their equipment in case of hydraulic leaks.

The location of spill containers is well communicated on site. Audits are conducted weekly on the contents of the containers and ordered as required.

Fuel transfers are done daily and pipelines and tank monitored during transfer.

All tanks and equipment are monitored when being fuelled

Ed Weidhaas

Safety Coordinator

# **APPENDIX 9**

# WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD APPROVAL OF MINE PORTAL SEAL DESIGN



## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

Northwest Territories and Nunavut

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PC RID ILL RITH

October 16, 2003

FAX (867) 253 6862

Mr J. Knapp Manager Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. Polaris Reclamation Project P.O. Box 188, Resolute Bay, NU X0A 0V0

Dear Mr. Knapp:

Re: Polaris Mine Closure - Portal Plug Design

Thank you for your letter dated October 1, 2003 and the attached design drawings No. 23307-0 and No. 23307-1 Re: Portal Plug Design.

I have reviewed the document and found it meet or exceed all the requirements pursuant to section 17.03 of the Mine Health and Safety Regulations. I hereby grant Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. the approval of the design as presented to seal off all portal openings at Polaris.

Yours truly

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