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Mr. John Knapp  
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Dear John,

I wish to take this opportunity to again thank you for accommodating Carl, Holger, Jimmy and me during our recent visit to Polaris. It was an excellent opportunity to view mine reclamation in progress, and I sincerely hope that the Polaris closure and reclamation will serve as an example for other northern mining operations.

Following my trip to Polaris I spent a few days in Resolute Bay, during which I had the opportunity to report to the community as to what I saw. This report took the form of a powerpoint presentation containing many photographs that gave community members in attendance an idea of what was going on at LCI.

From what I could gather, Resolute Bay residents did not seem to have many concerns about the environmental aspects of the closure. Largely they seemed content with the reclamation so far, and were impressed by its extent.

However, as I predicted, the topic that took up the greatest amount of time during the discussion was the issue of obtaining assets from the mine following its closure. As this was an item that is well beyond the NWB's mandate, I did not want to get too caught up with it. However, I did re-emphasize some of the things that came up in discussion between you and me on this particular issue when I was at Polaris; particularly the need for a firm commitment from the community, by March 2004, to plan the relocation of assets.

The residents at the meeting asked me to write you a letter to inform you that they request you visit Resolute Bay in the near future to speak to them about this particular concern. They perhaps feel that a plan to relocate the assets could be developed once they have a clear idea of TeckCominco's expectations in regards to this issue. This letter is notice of my fulfillment to the community's request. I trust that you will give it due consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick Duxbury  
Mine Reclamation Coordinator  
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