

Polaris Mining Partnership

To: Bill Willoughby – Mine Superintendent
From: Trevor Feduniak – Mine Planning Engineer
Date: December 21, 2001
Subject: Contaminated Soils Storage

Below is a list of underground areas and corresponding volumes for placement of surface contaminated soils. Volume and percent fill values for the KEX Stopes were provided by Jesse Hall using MineSight. The volumes of the drifts were measured from our working drawings and the percent fill values were estimated based on our current backfilling techniques (8 yard Scoop and 950 Loader). Gartner Lee has provided the estimated volumes for both hydrocarbon and sulphide contaminated soils. The Keel Extension area has been reserved for hydrocarbon contaminated soil, all others areas will be used for sulphide contaminated material.

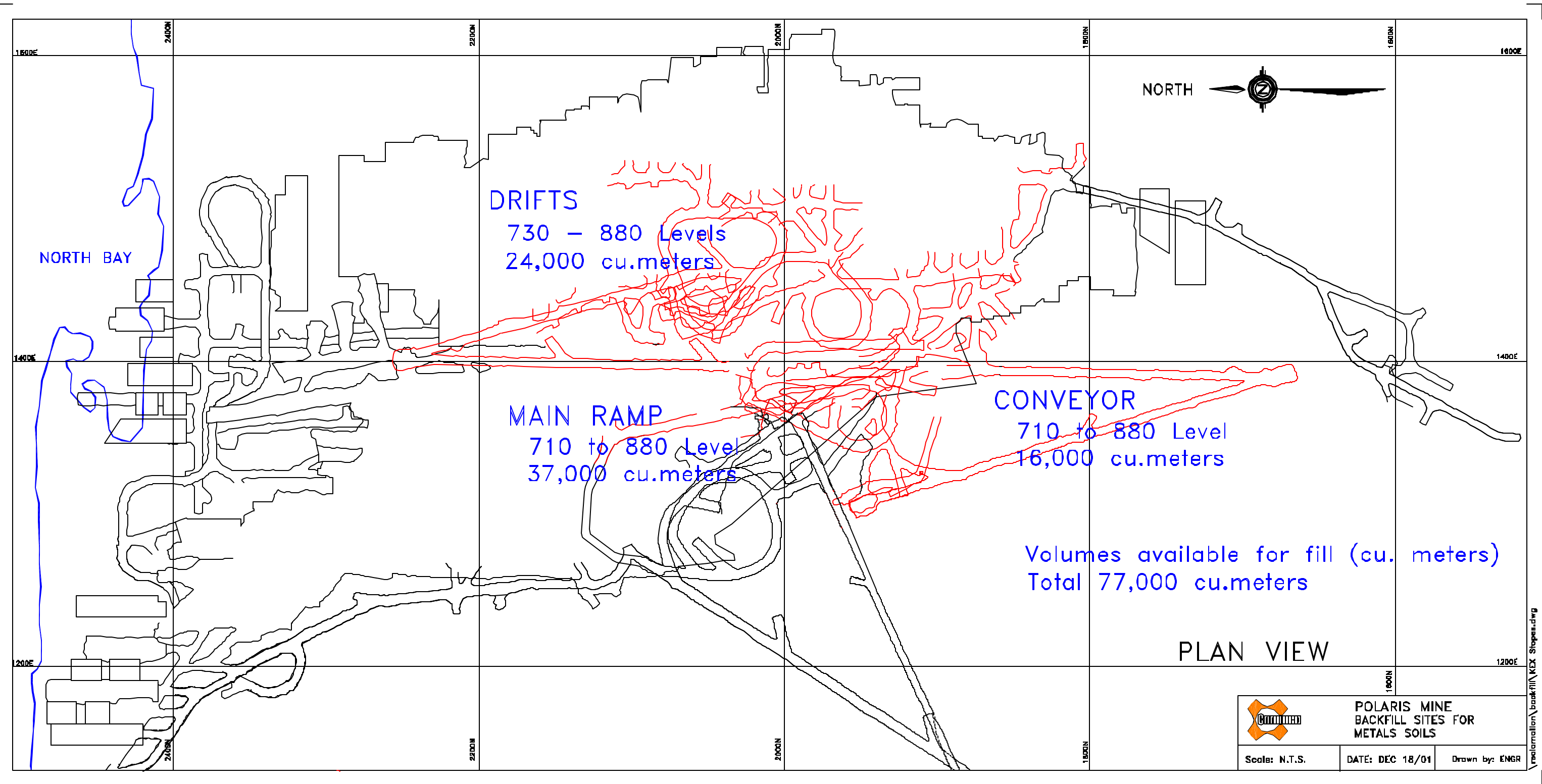
LOCATION	EXCAVATED VOLUME (m ³)	PERCENT FILL	AVAILABLE VOLUME (m ³)
KEX-1 (Stope)	23,400	75%	17,550
KEX-2 (Stope)	8,730	73%	6,373
KEX-3 (Stope)	11,340	80%	9,072
KEX-4 (Stope)	7,830	48%	3,758
TOTAL	51,300		36,753
Main Ramp (710 to 880)	41,047	90%	36,942
Conveyor (710 to 880)	26,839	60%	16,104
Misc. Drifts (730 to 880)	27,885	85%	23,702
TOTAL	95,772		76,748

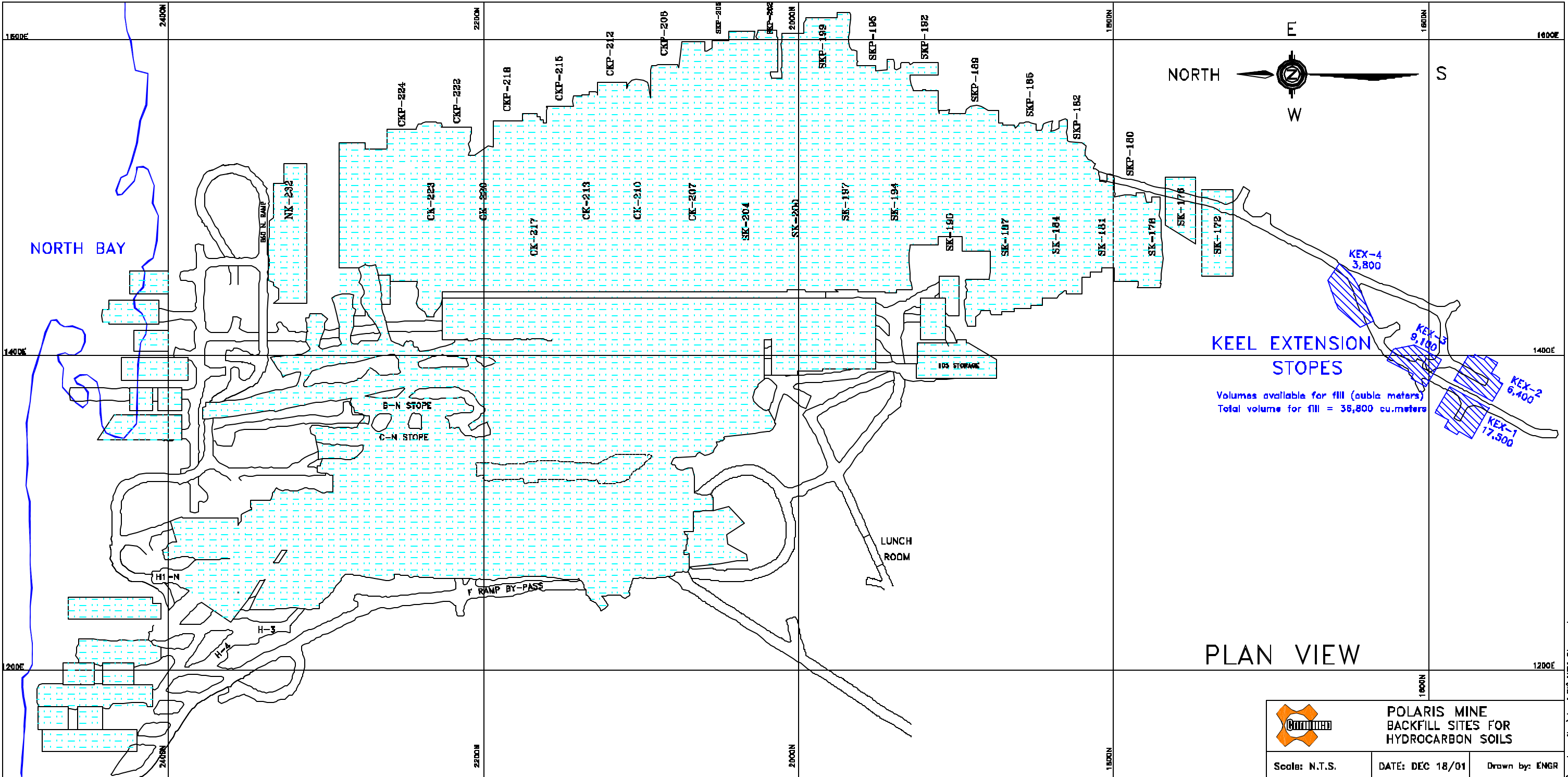
CONTAMINATED SOIL	IN-SITU VOLUME (m ³)	PERCENT SWELL	REQUIRED VOLUME (m ³)
Hydrocarbons	29,200	120%	35,040
Sulphides	61,750	120%	74,100

The areas listed above will provide the necessary required storage capacity to satisfy the contaminated soil volumes provided by Gartner Lee.

Attachments:

- Plan Drawings: Depicting locations of storage areas listed above.
 - Memo: Capacity for Hydrocarbon Storage in the Keel Extension – Jesse Hall.
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