



It is still DIAND and the NWB's objective to conclude the review and approval of the Polaris Mine Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan by the end of November 2001 by way of written submissions, as indicated in our letter of May 4, 2001. However, due to the rescheduling of the public pre-hearing meeting, we have pushed back the deadline for written submissions to **October 15, 2001**. Parties who will have submitted comments before the closing date will be given until **October 22, 2001** to reply if they wish, and Cominco will then be given the opportunity to make a final submission or rebuttal before **October 31, 2001**. Meanwhile, the NWB has agreed to use its Geotechnical engineer, Holger Hartmaier, to assist the DIAND and NWB staff with the review of the proposed

Plan, to coordinate if needed discussions between Cominco and interested parties on technical matters before they submit their comments on the Plan to DIAND and the NWB, and to provide expert opinion to the DIAND and the NWB in the analysis of submissions. Please notify Rita Becker by telephone, telecopier or email (rbecker@polarnet.ca) before August 11, 2001 if you wish to be contacted by Mr. Hartmaier on technical issues.

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