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To: Mayor

Hamlet of Grise Fiord

President

Hunters and Trappers Association

Grise Fiord

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (DIAND) will be chairing a public pre-hearing meeting on September 20, 2001 in Resolute Bay, Nunavut, on the Decommissioning and Reclamation of the Polaris Mine. Resolute Bay is the community closest to the Mine and most affected by its closure. I attach the proposed agenda for your consideration.

As you already know from previous correspondence sent to you, the Polaris Mine is scheduled to close down starting in 2002. As a requirement of both the water licence and the land leases, Cominco is required to submit for approval a final abandonment and restoration plan.

Because it is difficult to hold meetings in Grise Fiord for logistical and financial reasons, we would like to invite a small group of representatives from the community of Grise Fiord to attend this public meeting. We will cover the cost of airfare, meals and lodging as per government rates for a maximum of 4 delegates from the community of Grise Fiord. We would appreciate if the Hamlet and the HTO could agree on who should attend on behalf of Grise Fiord, and provide us with the names of your delegates. Please reply before August 24, 2001 so that we can make all necessary flights and lodging arrangements.

Please contact Rita Becker, NWB Licensing Administrator, for more information.

Sincerely,

Philippe di Pizzo Executive Director