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NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING

Licence #: N4L2-0262 NWB File #: NWB1POL Project: Polaris Mine

Location: Little Cornwallis Island, Nunavut

Approximately Latitude 75° N; Longitude: 97° W

Purpose: Decommissioning and Reclamation

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") will hold a Pre-Hearing to discuss issues concerning Teck Cominco Limited's application for the renewal of the above-cited water licence, as well as to prepare for a Public Hearing, set for February 14 and 15, 2003. Representatives from the NWB, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Teck Cominco Ltd and its consultants will be present.

The Pre-Hearing will take place in Resolute Bay (Nunavut) on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. The Pre-Hearing will be held in the Qausuittuq Inn's cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact:

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Copies of all application and supporting documents may be obtained from the NWB ftp site at ftp://ftp.nwb.yk.com, or by contacting the Nunavut Water Board or:

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