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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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April 19, 2004

Subject: *Review of 3rd and 4th Quarterly Reports for the Decommissioning and Reclamation of Polaris Mine*

Dear Parties,

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") have identified, in their preliminary technical reviews of the above-cited reports, some items of concern which will require direction from the regulators. The main items of concern include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Cover requirements for the Reclamation Landfill;
2. Management and reclamation of the Subsidence Zone; and
3. Reclamation of the area covered by the former Concentrate Storage Shed.

INAC's geotechnical consultant, Holger Hartmaier, BGC Engineering Incorporated, has submitted a review of the 3rd and 4th Quarterly Reports. Parties are encouraged to read his submission in addition to the Quarterly Reports. The submission is located on the NWB's FTP site at:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1POL0311%20Polaris/Technical%20Reviews/4th%20Quarter%20Progress%20Report/040330NWB1POL%20BGC%20Comments%203rd%204th%20Quarter%20Review-IPCE.pdf>

The 3rd Quarterly Report is located at:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1POL0311%20Polaris/Technical%20Reviews/3rd%20Quarter%20Progress%20Report/>

The 4th Quarterly Report is located at:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1POL0311%20Polaris/Technical%20Reviews/4th%20Quarter%20Progress%20Report/>

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience. We would appreciate comments/concerns on or before May 10, 2004.

Sincerely,

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