



June 14, 2004

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Attention: Carl McLean, Manager, Land Administration

Nunavut Water Board
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Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 0H0
Attention: Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing

Dear Carl and Phyllis;

Re: NWB and INAC Request for Further Information Related to the Polaris Mine 2003 3rd and 4th Quarter Reports

This letter is in response to the June 2, 2004 letter from the NWB and INAC requesting further information on the following topics:

1. Concentrate Shed Cover – As a result of the request to provide additional information and clarification regarding the cover in the Concentrate Shed Area, Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. (TCML) has requested that its consultant Gartner Lee Limited review the comments contained in your letter and to provide us with a concise response that we will forward to you for considerations.
2. Subsidence Area – Subsequent to issuing our review on the subsidence area in our Quarterly reports, we have completed a precise level survey which has updated our data on this area (June 2004). Previously that last survey was conducted in 2001. The survey confirms that subsidence rates are slowing as we had predicted. An updated topographic survey of the area has not yet been completed as the area was snow covered until recently. We have forwarded the survey data along with the appropriate technical reports and your letter to our consultant, Golder Associates. Golder Associates have extensive mine design and rock mechanics experience. They have been the primary geotechnical consultants for the Polaris Mine and have been involved from the early stages of the mine design and conducted regular rock mechanic

and subsidence reviews through the life of the mine. We have requested that Golder Associate prepare responses to the questions identified in your letter.

3. Cost Estimates For Garrow Dam – TCML has requested Cascade Management to review their cost estimate paying particular attention to the areas where the NWB and INAC have identified items that are missing from the estimate. The sizable contingency factor included in the original cost estimate was provided specifically to ensure there were funds for some of the items identified in your review. However, the estimate will be reviewed and re-submitted.
4. Reclamation Landfill – the area will be tested to confirm that there is an adequate cover over the debris in this landfill. We will report the results of this testing and propose a monitoring plan.
5. Close Out Reports – Close out reports will be submitted as soon as they are available to expedite review. The reports submitted in the previous Quarterly reporting were not delayed for submission with the reports. They were submitted as soon as they had been completed, which was concurrent with our Quarterly reporting.

If you have any question please contact me at any time.

Yours truly,

Bruce Donald

Cc: Bob Hutchinson (Teck Cominco)
John Less (Cascade Management)
Joe Dahoy (Cascade Management)
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