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Subject: Outstanding reports

Hi Bruce,

I am presuming that you were able to get away from Polaris on time and that the rest of the crew was successfully able to load the ship and leave before winter sets in over there again. Unfortunately due to time constraints I was not able to travel for the fall inspection with Carl Mclean and associates. However I look forward to seeing their reports and photos. Perhaps something could be arranged for a spring visit.

I am just sending you this missive to inquire how your consultants are faring with the outstanding issues identified in the 3rd and 4th quarterly reports. Have they had a chance to address those items? I realized that you have been much preoccupied with the nuts and bolts issues of mine reclamation to deal with these, however now that things will be cooling off, it will be a good time to address the long-term issues, particularly as they relate to environmental quality and monitoring. Can we assume another quarterly report – or some sort of final report in the near future that deals with the loose ends that have been identified during the process?

Another thing to mention in passing... Would TeckCominco be interested in participating in some sort of technical session with regulators and other mining interests (perhaps Nanisivik and Lupin for example) in an examination of the Polaris reclamation process? It could be very instructive for all parties to learn from your successes, challenges, frustrations *et cetera* during the clean-up. I have just broached the topic with some of our staff; however I am curious to know your receptiveness to the idea.

Personally, I think it would be a shame not to use TCL's experiences to educate those working in the field of arctic mining, particularly those who are working on closing mines, or who are anticipating closure within the near future.

Regards,

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