

Table FH-21-3. Firehall Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples - Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Parameter	Polaris Mine Soil Quality Remediation Objectives <sup>a</sup>	Location Sample ID Date Sampled ALS File Number Field Screen (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Firehall		
			FH-104-F-D 05-Aug-03 T2589	FH-11016-W-C 01-Jun-04 U4137	FH-11126-F-C 01-Jun-04 U4137
CEQG (PL) <sup>c</sup>	Units	Analytical Results			
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons					
Acenaphthene		mg/kg	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
Acenaphthylene		mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Anthracene	-	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Benzo(a)anthracene	1 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.7	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	-	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	1 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Chrysene	-	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	1 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Fluoranthene	-	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Fluorene	-	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Indeno(1,2,3,-c,d)pyrene	1 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Naphthalene	0.6	mg/kg	0.07	<0.05	<0.2
Phenanthrene	5 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Pyrene	10 <sup>d</sup>	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

**Bold**

Concentration greater than or equal to the Soil Quality Remediation Objective (SQRO) for the Polaris Mine Site.

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Notes:

<sup>a</sup> < " = Less than analytical method detection limit.

<sup>a</sup>, " = Analysis not conducted, or no guideline.

a) The Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQROs) for the Polaris Mine Site are based on Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) standards and guidelines.

The CCME provides criteria based on land use activities and applies the most stringent criteria based on site-specific receptors and exposure pathways.

b) Field screening results are measured based on a 'dry headspace' method using a combustible gas meter calibrated to a hexane standard.

c) Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines (CEQG) for Parkland (PL) Land Use. The site-specific factors used for determining the soil quality guidelines were: soil ingestion, soil contact and nutrient cycling.

d) Interim Remediation Criterion. Soil Quality Guidelines based on the CCME soil protocol have not yet been developed for a given parameter.

Table FH-21-4. Firehall Quality Assurance and Quality Control Remediation Soil Samples - Hydrocarbons

Location			Firehall															
Sample ID																		
Duplicate ID																		
Parameter	Units	MDL	PQL	Analytical Results														
Analytical Laboratory Duplicates																		
EPH C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>19</sub>	Sample Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	RpD	%																
EPH C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>32</sub>	Sample Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	RpD	%																
Analytical Laboratory Replicates																		
EPH C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>19</sub>	Sample Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	RpD	%																
EPH C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>32</sub>	Sample Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	200	1000														
	RpD	%																

**RpD** Value is greater than or equal to 50% and the concentrations of both samples are greater than the PQL.

Notes:

na RpD value is not applicable because one or both results are less than the PQL.

RpD Relative Percent Difference = (Difference/Average) \* 100.

PQL Practical Quantitation Limit = 5 \* Method Detection Limit (MDL).

MDL Method Detection Limit of analysis.

Table FH-21-5. Firehall Quality Assurance and Quality Control Remediation Soil Samples - Metals

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RpD Relative Percent Difference = (Difference/Average) \* 100.

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MDL Method Detection Limit of analysis.

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Location				Firehall													
Sample ID		Duplicate ID		MDL	PQL	FH-BH-13-2-C	FH-BH-13-6-Q	FH-BH-14-6-C	FH-BH-14-7-Q	FH-BH-15-1-C	FH-BH-15-3-C	FH-BH-18-3-C	FH-BH-18-7-C	FH-59-W-D	FH-97-F-C	FH-105-F-C	
Duplicate ID		Duplicate ID		MDL	PQL	FH-BH-13-2-C	FH-BH-13-6-Q	FH-BH-14-6-C	FH-BH-14-7-Q	FH-BH-15-1-C	FH-BH-15-3-C	FH-BH-18-3-C	FH-BH-18-7-C	FH-59-W-D	FH-97-F-C	FH-105-F-C	
Analytical Results																	
Parameter	Units		On Site Field Screening Duplicates														
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	70	350	1160	67	374	2680	40	130	6860	285	270	270	270	270	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	70	350	994	53	287	2290	34	108	6264	318	272	272	272	272	
	RpD	%			15%	na	na	16%	na	na	9%	na	na	na	na	na	
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	150	750	6829	225	1550	27699	404	577	37016	1764	1467	1467	1467	1467	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	150	750	5978	214	1160	25498	347	465	37923	1102	1396	1396	1396	1396	
	RpD	%			13%	na	29%	8%	na	na	2%	46%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Analytical Laboratory Duplicates																	
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%															
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%															
Analytical Laboratory Replicates																	
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%															
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%															

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Notes:

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RpD Relative Percent Difference = (Difference/Average)\*100.

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MDL Method Detection Limit of analysis.

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Location					Firehall									
Sample ID		Duplicate ID			Analytical Results									
Parameter	Units	MDL	PQL		FH-110-W-D	FH-111-W-C	FH-135-W-D	FH-145-W-D	FH-158-F-D	FH-1126-F-C	FH-11344-W-C	FH-11764-F-C	FH-11764-F-C	QC# 350247
On Site Field Screening Duplicates														
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	70	350	204	199	12790	11203	55	-	-	-	-	-
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	70	350	190	195	13627	7220	65	-	-	-	-	-
	RpD	%			na	na	6%	43%	na					
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	150	750	593	513	72354	72692	304	-	-	-	-	-
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	150	750	603	455	61522	54744	684	-	-	-	-	-
	RpD	%			na	na	16%	28%	na					
Analytical Laboratory Duplicates														
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	150	250	140	-	-
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	180	240	120	-	-
	RpD	%								18%	4%	15%		
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	474	923	386	-	-
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	1610	917	280	-	-
	RpD	%								109%	1%	32%		
Analytical Laboratory Replicates														
Lead (Pb)	Sample Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	<200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	100	500	-	232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
	RpD	%				na								15%
Zinc (Zn)	Sample Result	mg/kg	3	15	-	791	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	386
	Duplicate Result	mg/kg	3	15	-	1720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	342
	RpD	%				74%								12%

**Bold** RpD Value is greater than or equal to 50% and the concentrations of both samples are greater than the PQL.

Notes:  
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PQL Practical Quantitation Limit = 5 \* Method Detection Limit (MDL).  
MDL Method Detection Limit of analysis.

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Location				Firehall								
Sample ID				FH-11017-W-C	FH-11123-F-C	FH-11349-F-C	FH-11726-F-D	FH-11668-F-C	FH-11691-W-D	FH-11580-F-D	FH-11738-W-C	
Duplicate ID				QC# 389244	QC# 389245	QC# 390735	FH-11711-F-Q	FH-11716-F-Q	FH-11718-W-Q	FH-11720-F-Q	QC# 392657	
Parameter	Units	MDL	PQL	Analytical Results								
On Site Field Screening Duplicates												
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	70	350	-	-	-	45	57	37	24	-	
	mg/kg	70	350	-	-	-	25	77	55	30	-	
	RpD	%					na	na	na	na		
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	150	750	-	-	-	147	208	220	205	-	
	mg/kg	150	750	-	-	-	187	219	375	179	-	
	RpD	%					na	na	na	na		
Analytical Laboratory Duplicates												
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	mg/kg	100	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%										
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	mg/kg	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	RpD	%										
Analytical Laboratory Replicates												
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	100	500	120	1390	230	-	-	-	-	200	
	mg/kg	100	500	<100	1500	240	-	-	-	-	180	
	RpD	%		na	8%	0					11%	
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	3	15	552	4270	1180	-	-	-	-	704	
	mg/kg	3	15	376	4140	992	-	-	-	-	533	
	RpD	%		38%	3%	17%					28%	

**Notes:** RpD Value is greater than or equal to 50% and the concentrations of both samples are greater than the PQL.

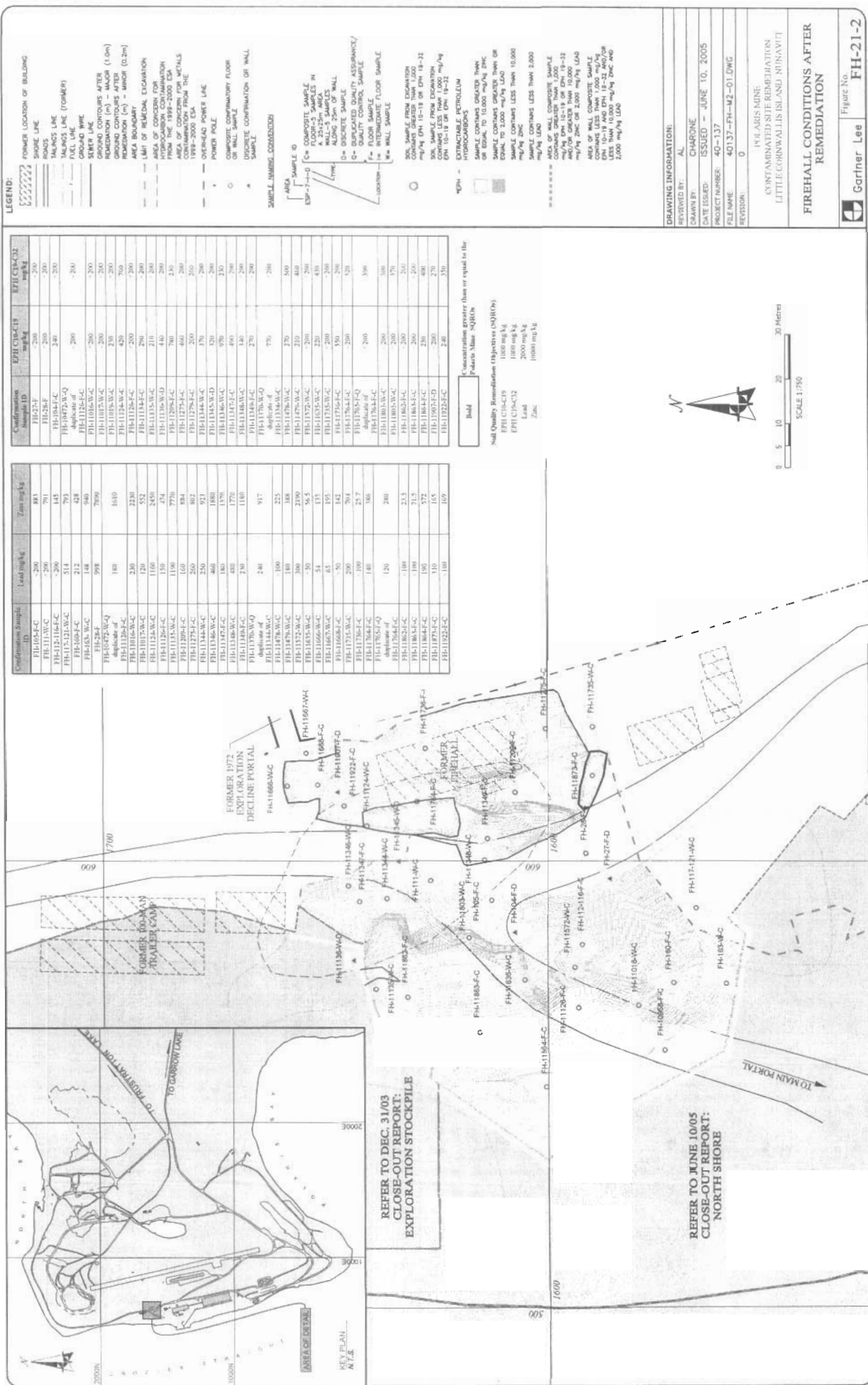
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RpD Relative Percent Difference = (Difference/Average)\*100.

PQL Practical Quantitation Limit = 5 \* Method Detection Limit (MDL).

MDL Method Detection Limit of analysis.





# **Appendix I**

## **South Shore**

June 10, 2005

Mr. Bruce Donald  
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Dear Mr. Donald:

**Re: 40137 – Polaris Mine Operations Contaminated Soil Remediation  
Close Out Report: South Shore**

## **BACKGROUND**

The South Shore area surrounded the former concentrate storage shed and extended west to Crozier Strait (shown as Area 25 on Figure 1: *Contaminated Soils Remediation Progress Plan, December 31, 2003* and on Figure 2: *Contaminated Soils Remediation Progress Plan, December 31, 2004*). Rock fill was used to level and expand the shoreline an additional 15 m (approximately) into Crozier Strait during construction. During the operation of the mine, the South Shore area was used as a storage yard for shipping containers. Several roads and a fuel line, that extended from the dock to the tank farm, crossed the area.

The Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted in 1999 and 2000 identified metal contamination in the soil surrounding the concentrate shed on the South Shore. Two surface samples were collected, thirty one (31) test pits excavated and two (2) boreholes drilled during the ESA. The sample results indicated that elevated metal concentrations in the soil was limited to the upper 0.3 m between the south end of the concentrate storage shed and the shore. Between the north end of the concentrate storage shed and the shore elevated metal concentrations were encountered from surface to a depth of at least 1.5 m. No indication of hydrocarbon contamination was encountered during the ESA. The sample locations and an indication of results are shown on Figure SS-25-1: *South Shore Conditions Before Remediation*.

The sources of contaminate were attributed to lead and zinc concentrates being dispersed by wind and vehicle tracking from the concentrate storage shed and the conveyor to the shiploader at the dock. In addition, fill brought in to expand the shoreline during the construction and to repair eroded areas during the operation of the mine occasionally contained mineralized rock from near the ore zone and it was determined that it was to be excavated as part of the remedial work.

## METHODOLOGY

### *Delineation*

The preliminary boundaries of the remediation area, as identified in the ESA as “Areas of Concern” were not further delineated prior to excavation commencing along the shoreline in 2004. In 2004, further delineation of the remedial area was undertaken at the north end of the former concentrate storage shed by drilling eight boreholes and collecting field screening samples. The drill results determined that the metal contamination was bound vertically by bedrock at depths ranging from 0.3 m to 1.0 m below pre-excavation grades. Lead and zinc field screening measurements were obtained using a Niton portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) elemental analyzer in accordance with standard Gartner Lee Limited (GLL) and Teck Cominco Limited (TCL) sampling procedures and protocols.

### *Excavation*

The excavation of the South Shore area occurred from June 11, 2003 to October 23, 2003 and then again from April 19, 2004 to July 23, 2004. Material from the South Shore area was initially broken up for excavation utilising a ripper tooth attached to an excavator or onto the back of the D8 and D10 bulldozers. An excavator bucket was used to pick up the loosed material within the excavation, stockpile it and then load it onto trucks.

In 2003, a strip approximately 45 m wide from the dock cells to within 60 m of the foldaway buildings following the shoreline was removed. A berm was maintained between the ocean and the excavated area. The berm provided protection from the ocean flooding the area being excavated, as well as minimizing erosion in the marine foreshore area. Removal of the berm took place in May 2004 during periods of low tide. At this time ice still bound the foreshore and interaction with the marine foreshore was therefore reduced. Daily turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) levels were monitored prior to, during and immediately following periods of work in the foreshore in accordance with approved site procedures and protocols. Excavation activities were halted and mitigation measures implemented as required to address potential sediment releases into the marine environment.

In 2004, excavation occurred north and south of the former concentrate storage shed. During excavation at the north end of the concentrate storage shed, hydrocarbon contaminated soil was encountered. One source of hydrocarbon contamination originated at the fuel coupling located down slope of the road east of the barge (1313N, 680E). The contamination was found to have migrated downhill towards the gully that contained the conveyor-way from the barge to the concentrate shed. At this point the hydrocarbon contamination continued down gradient into the barge area. A second source of hydrocarbon contamination was located at a bend in the fuel line near the concentrate conveyor to the shiploader (1298N, 622E). Hydrocarbon contamination from this point source was found to have migrated down gradient towards the barge.

To direct the excavation activities, soil samples were collected across the floor excavation limits in accordance with standard GLL and TCL sampling procedures and protocols. Samples were field screened for metals using the XRF analyzer and for hydrocarbons using the portable photo-ionization detector (PID) to measure the concentrations of organic vapours in the headspace of the sample bags. Additional excavation was undertaken where sample results indicated the lead and zinc or hydrocarbon concentrations were greater than the Polaris Mine Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQRO's).

The final limits of the excavation areas are shown on Figure SS-25-2: *South Shore Conditions After Remediation*. The material excavated was disposed in the mine workings in accordance with regulatory approvals

### ***Confirmation Sampling***

Upon receipt of field screening results that indicated that the soil remaining in the excavation would meet the SQRO's, confirmation soil samples were collected. The excavation area was subdivided into individual composite sampling areas approximately 25 m by 25 m or less as required to cover the area to be sampled. Wall samples were composited over a length of 25 m on the wall of the excavation.

Soil samples were collected at the excavation limits and submitted to ALS Environmental for analysis of Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPH), metals and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH). Additional excavation was undertaken in areas that did not meet the SQRO's and additional confirmatory samples taken upon completion of excavation. Upon receipt of the analytical results that met the SQRO's the final excavation limits were surveyed.

## **ANALYTICAL RESULTS**

Analytical laboratory results for EPH, metals and PAH are summarized in Tables SS-25-1, SS-25-2 and SS-25-3 along with the approved Polaris Mine SQRO's for petroleum hydrocarbons and metals. A total of four (4) hydrocarbon and one hundred fifty seven (157) metals remediation confirmation samples were submitted from the South Shore area. All of the hydrocarbon remediation confirmation samples were composite floor samples. Of the metals remediation confirmation samples there were one hundred sixteen (116) composite floors, nineteen (19) discrete floors, four (4) composite walls, one (1) discrete wall, and seventeen (17) quality assurance quality control (QA/QC) samples. The soil quality results and lateral limits of the excavation are shown on Figure SS-25-2.

### ***Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)***

Relative percent differences (RpDs) have been calculated and compiled in Table SS-25-4 for thirty-one (31) field screening duplicates, seventeen (17) analytical laboratory duplicates and seventeen (17) analytical laboratory replicates for a total of sixty-five (65) QA/QC samples.

Sixty (60) of the sample results and their duplicate/replicate results returned RpDs below the practical quantitation limit (PQL), in which case the RpD value has been identified as “na” (not applicable), or returned acceptable RpDs, below the site specific remediation protocol of 50%. One on-site field screened duplicate and four of the analytical laboratory duplicates returned RpDs greater than the objective. The variance between these samples and their duplicates is considered indicative of sample heterogeneity, especially at low concentration levels of lead and zinc as compared to the SQRO's. The metal QA/QC samples from the South Shore area serve to document the variable nature of the metal concentrations in the soil at the Polaris Mine.

### ***Polaris Mine Soil Quality Remediation Objectives***

All of the hydrocarbon remediation confirmation samples returned results below the Polaris Mines SQRO's for EPH and PAH. All of the metal remediation confirmation composite samples returned results below the Polaris Mine SQRO's for lead and zinc. One of the twenty discrete samples, (sample Shore-11987-F-D), returned a lead concentration of 2,600 mg/kg which is greater than the SQRO of 2,000 mg/kg. The lead exceedance is less than two times the SQRO and is therefore in accordance with the approved site remedial protocol that stipulates “that contaminant concentrations in any residual soils will not exceed twice the SQRO's”.

Discrete samples were collected to discern the homogeneity of the sample area for lead and zinc. The table below shows a comparison of discrete samples versus the composite areas they represented.

**Summary of Discrete Sample Results Compared to Corresponding  
Composite Sample Results**

<b>Composite Sample ID</b>	<b>Lead (mg/kg)</b>	<b>Zinc (mg/kg)</b>	<b>Discrete Sample ID</b>	<b>Lead (mg/kg)</b>	<b>Zinc (mg/kg)</b>
Shore-52-F-C	135	645	Shore-59-F-D	<100	273
Shore-77-F-C	166	527	Shore-79-F-D	279	1220
Shore-76-F-C	121	365	Shore-78-F-D	202	967
Shore-56-F-C	225	991	Shore-466-F-D	1790	7800
Shore-54-F-C	208	1100	Shore-462-F-D	300	1530
Shore-146-F-C	553	1330	Shore-144-F-D	256	1360
Shore-11303-F-C	1170	3130	Shore-10775-F-D	220	526
Shore-10821-F-C	560	861	Shore-10779-F-D	680	1190
Shore-11368-F-C	310	1630	Shore-10947-F-D	310	1740
Shore-11308-F-C	270	1380	Shore-10956-F-D	210	1510
Shore-11747-F-C	290	822	Shore-11317-F-D	<100	241
Shore-11366-F-C	310	1380	Shore-11338-F-D	270	1290
Shore-11744-F-C	<50	101	Shore-11565-F-D	<50	69
Shore-11669-F-C	180	467	Shore-11649-F-D	319	1220
Shore-11364-F-C	110	747	Shore-11722-F-D	232	1340
Shore-11747-F-C	290	822	Shore-11854-F-D	<100	114
Shore-11998-F-C	<100	51	Shore-11964-F-D	320	934
Shore-11485-F-C	610	3020	Shore-11987-F-D	<b>2600</b>	4400
Shore-11821-F-C	228	616	Shore-11988-F-D	210	424
Shore-12074-W-C	93	361	Shore-12071-W-D	295	473

***Generic Federal Soil Quality Guidelines for Parkland Land Use***

A total of twenty (20) randomly selected samples were analysed for total metals as follows: fourteen (14) composite samples, five (5) discrete samples and one Quality Assurance and Quality Control sample.

Barium concentrations ranged from 192 mg/kg to 1,100 mg/kg. Sixteen (16) of the samples exceeded the generic Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment (CCME) Canadian Environmental Quality Guideline (CEQG) for parkland land use of 500 mg/kg Barium in soil. One sample with a Barium concentration of 608 mg/kg returned an Arsenic concentration of 15 mg/kg, which exceeds generic CCME CEQG for parkland land use of 12 mg/kg Arsenic in soil. Cadmium concentrations ranged from 1.4 mg/kg to 17.8 mg/kg. The CCME recognizes that local geological conditions may result in elevated background levels of metals above the guidelines.

Barium is a common mineral associated with lead sulphides, and it is found in cavities in limestone and dolostone. Soil samples collected during the 2004 vegetation sampling program at Polaris, as documented in the November 24, 2004 Memorandum *2004 Vegetation Sampling*

*Results*, are considered to be representative of background conditions. Samples were collected at the following intervals surface to 0.01 m, 0.01 m to 0.05 m, and 0.05 m to 0.1 m. Concentrations of arsenic and barium greater than generic CCME CEQG Parkland land use were detected in each interval. The variability of arsenic and barium concentrations in those samples in listed in the following table.

#### Summary of 2004 Background Area Soil Concentrations of Arsenic and Barium

Parameter	n	Minimum Concentration (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Median Concentration (mg/kg)	Mean Concentration (mg/kg +/-SD)	90th Percentile (mg/kg)	75th Percentile (mg/kg)
Arsenic	12	<5	15.1	12	11 +/- 2.7	13	12.25
Barium	12	228	2140	1185	1249 +/-518	1986	1560

*n* = number of samples.

*SD* = standard deviation

The concentrations of arsenic and barium remaining within the footprint of the South Shore area after remediation are within the range of the background concentrations. In addition, the immobile nature of the Arsenic and Barium encountered on site was demonstrated in the ESA leachate test results that returned Arsenic and Barium concentrations at levels less than the detection limit and they were therefore not identified as a contaminants of concern in the ESA.

Two (2) of the discrete samples (Shore-466-F-D and Shore-11987-F-D) exceeded the CCME CEQG parkland land use of 10 mg/kg Cadmium in soil (Sample Shore-11987-F-D also returned lead concentrations greater than the SQRO). Cadmium was not identified as a contaminant of concern based on the total metal analyses and leachate test results conducted during the ESA. Given the immobile nature of the Cadmium encountered on site, as demonstrated by the leachate results, the relatively low level of concentrations (less than twice the generic CCME guidelines for Parkland land use) and the lack of elevated concentrations being detected in the composite samples, no further remedial excavation work is considered necessary

The confirmatory samples supported by the QA/QC samples from the South Shore area provide confidence that the remediation of the area complies with the SQRO's.

## CONCLUSIONS

Based on confirmatory sampling consistent with good practice and the approved site specific sampling procedures and protocols, the remediation of the South Shore area has been completed to meet the Polaris Mine remedial targets, as documented in the approved Polaris Mine Decommissioning and Remediation Plan, March 2001.

## LIMITATIONS

This report has been prepared by Gartner Lee Ltd. and the information in this report is intended for the use of Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. during the decommissioning and reclamation program at the Polaris Mine Site. Any use which a third party makes of this report, or any reliance on or decisions made on the basis of the information in this report is the responsibility of such third parties. Gartner Lee Limited accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by the third party, based on the use of or reliance on any information contained in this report.

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## ATTACHMENTS

### Tables

Table SS-25-1:	South Shore Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples – Hydrocarbons
Table SS-25-2:	South Shore Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples – Metals
Table SS-25-3:	South Shore Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples – Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
Table SS 25-4:	South Shore Quality Assurance and Quality Control Remediation Soil Samples – Metals

### Figures

Figure SS-25-1:	South Shore Conditions Before Remediation
Figure SS-25-2:	South Shore Conditions After Remediation

Table SS-25-1. South Shore Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples - Hydrocarbons

Parameter	Polaris Mine Soil Quality Remediation Objectives <sup>a</sup>	Location Sample ID Date Sampled ALS File Number Field Screen (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	South Shore			
			Shore-7-F-C 23-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-11860-F-C 29-Jun-04 U5353R	Shore-11861-F-C 29-Jun-04 U5353R	Shore-12037-F-C 23-Jul-04 U6364
			-	-	-	5
			Analytical Results			
	Site Specific	Units				
Extractable Hydrocarbons	1000	mg/kg	<200	<200	310	590
EPH C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>15</sub>	1000	mg/kg	<200	<200	<200	<200
EPH C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>32</sub>	1000	mg/kg	-	-	-	590
LEPH <sup>c</sup>	1000	mg/kg	-	-	-	<200

**Concentration greater than or equal to the Soil Quality Remediation Objective (SQRO) for the Polaris Mine Site.**

**Note:**

<sup>a</sup>< <sup>n</sup> = Less than analytical method detection limit

<sup>a,n</sup> = Analysis not conducted, or no guideline.

- a) The approved Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQROs) for the Polaris Mine Site are based on the Yukon Territorial Contaminated Sites Regulation for Parkland (PL) Land Use.
- b) Field screening results are measured based on a 'dry headspace' method using a combustible gas meter calibrated to a hexane standard.
- c) Light Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (LEPH) and Heavy Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (HEPH) are determined by subtracting Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPH), therefore use of the EPH remediation objective is conservative.

Table SS-25-2. South Shore Area Remediation Confirmation Soil Samples - Metals

Parameter		Site Specific Remediation Objectives <sup>a</sup>	CEQG (PL) <sup>c</sup>	Location		South Shore									
				Sample ID Date Sampled ALS File Number	Field Screen Pb (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Field Screen Zn (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	Shore-4-F-C 24-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-5-F-C 24-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-6-F-C 24-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-8-F-C 24-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-10-F-C 24-Jun-03 S9893	Shore-50-F-C 19-Jul-03 T1801	Shore-51-F-C 19-Jul-03 T1801		
					563	607	353	403	298	627	586	2418			
				3347	3379	2440	1979	1610	2370	2418					
Analytical Results															
pH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antimony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arsenic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beryllium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadmium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chromium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobalt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lead	2000	-	-	-	487	643	496	1970	1050	500	267	-	-	-	-
Mercury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Molybdenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nickel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Selenium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanadium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zinc	10000	-	-	-	2690	3170	3760	4670	2660	2470	1420	-	-	-	-

**Notes:** Concentration greater than or equal to the Soil Quality Remediation Objective (SQRO) for the Polaris Mine Site.

<sup>a</sup> < " = Less than analytical method detection limit.  
<sup>b</sup> " = Analysis not conducted, or no guideline.

- a) The Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQROs) for the Polaris Mine Site are based on Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) standards and guidelines. The CCME provides criteria based on land use activities and applies the most stringent criteria based on site-specific receptors and exposure pathways.  
b) Field screening results are measured using a Niton Xi 700 Series portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) elemental analyser.  
c) Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines (CEQG) for Parkland (PL) Land Use. The site-specific factors used for determining the soil quality guidelines were: soil ingestion, soil contact and nutrient cycling.  
d) Interim Remediation Criterion. Soil Quality Guidelines based on the CCME soil protocol have not yet been developed for a given parameter.



