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OUR REFERENCE NUMBER: P311142V02286

DATE OF EXPIRY: DECEMBER 16, 2004 PLACE OF EXPIRY: TORONTO, ONTARIO

BENEFICIARY:
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA
C/O CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
NUNAVUT WATER BOARD, P.O. BOX 119
BUILDING NO. 1 (SEE BELOW)

APPLICANT:
TECK COMINCO LIMITED
SUITE #600
200 BURRARD STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 3L9

AMOUNT: CAD 14,300,000.00 FOURTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100'S CANADIAN DOLLARS

BENEFICIARY'S ADDRESS CONTINUED: MAIN STREET GJOA HAVEN, NU X0B 1J0

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NO. P311142V02286.

WE, ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE-B.C., 34TH FLOOR, ROYAL CENTRE TOWER, 1055 WEST GEORGIA STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. V6E 3S5, HEREBY ESTABLISH IN YOUR FAVOUR THIS IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT (THE "CREDIT") AVAILABLE WITH OURSELVES BY PAYMENT AGAINST PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S) DETAILED HEREIN AND OF YOUR DRAFT(S) AT SIGHT DRAWN ON OURSELVES. THE NUMBER, THE DATE OF THIS CREDIT AND THE NAME OF OUR BANK MUST BE QUOTED ON ALL DRAFTS PRESENTED.

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- YOUR SIGNED CERTIFICATE STATING THAT TECK COMINCO LIMITED HAS DEFAULTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH WATER LICENCE NWB1POL0311 EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2003, AT THE POLARIS OPERATIONS OF TECK COMINCO LIMITED.
- THE ORIGINAL CREDIT INSTRUMENT.

PARTIAL DRAWINGS ARE ALLOWED.

NEGOTIATION AND/OR PAYMENT UNDER THIS CREDIT IS RESTRICTED TO US ONLY.

THIS CREDIT EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 16, 2004, AT OUR COUNTERS. HOWEVER, IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS CREDIT THAT IT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED WITHOUT AMENDMENT FOR SUCCESSIVE PERIODS OF ONE YEAR, UNLESS AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE THEN PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE, WE NOTIFY YOU BY COURIER OR REGISTERED MAIL, THAT WE ELECT NOT TO CONSIDER THIS CREDIT EXTENDED FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL PERIOD.

DRAWING(S) UNDER THIS CREDIT MAY BE PRESENTED TO US AT ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE-ONTARIO, 180 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5J 1J1.

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Bank of Montreal

234 Simcoe Street 3rd Floor Toronto ON M5T 1T4 Tel: 416 598-6112

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Irrevocable
Standby Letter of Credit
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Amendment no. 2 Dated November 24, 2003

Beneficiary:

RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA C/O CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NUNAVUT WATER BOARD, P.O. BOX 119 GJOA HAVEN, NU X0B 1J0, Applicant:

CMP (POLARIS) 600 - 200 BURRARD STREET VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 3L9 Canada

We amend our Standby Letter of Credit subject to the following terms and conditions. This amendment forms an integral part of the original instrument. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Amended Terms:

Applicant's name and address now reads as above.

Unless otherwise instructed herein, all correspondence and enquiries regarding this transaction should be directed to our Customer Service Centre at the above address, telephone: as above. Please indicate our reference number in all your correspondence or telephone enquiries.

Regards,

Authorised Signature(s)

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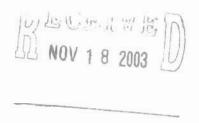
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Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BMTO16947OS

Amendment no. 1 Dated November 07, 2003

Beneficiary:

RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA C/O CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NUNAVUT WATER BOARD, P.O. BOX 119 GJOA HAVEN, NU X0B 1J0,



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Applicant:
COMINCO LTD.
200 BURRARD STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 3L7 Canada

We amend our Standby Letter of Credit subject to the following terms and conditions. This amendment forms an integral part of the original instrument. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Amended Terms:

Please be advised that our instrument number IMDC/TOR/S858584 has now been changed to BMTO16947OS and consequently, irrespective of the number of amendments issued under our previous reference, all future amendments under the new reference will re-commence from No. 1. Please amend your records accordingly.

This change of reference number does not affect, in any way, the validity of the Issuing Bank's engagement under this instrument. No discrepancies will be noted due to inconsistency resulting from old and new reference number appearing on different documents. However, in order to facilitate identification of the transaction and thus expedite document verification and payment, we strongly recommend that our new reference number be used whenever possible.

Unless otherwise instructed herein, all correspondence and enquiries regarding this transaction should be directed to our Customer Service Centre at the above address, telephone: as above. Please indicate our reference number in all your correspondence or telephone enquiries.





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Regards,

Authorised Signature(s)

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INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, CENTRAL 234 SIMCOE STREET, 3RD FLOOR TORONTO, ONTARIO

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TELEX: MCI 62960 SWIFT: BOFMCAT2

PHONE: 416-867-5552 FAX: (416) 867-7162

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APPLICANT:

COMINCO LTD.

200 BURRARD STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 3L7

DATE OF ISSUE: JULY 18, 2003 IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDI

IMDC/TOR/S/858584

BENEFICIARY:

RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA C/O CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NUNAVUT WATER BOARD, P.O. BOX 119 GJOA HAVEN, NU XOB 1JO

AMDUNT: 2,700,000.00 CAD
TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND AND
00/100'S CANADIAN DOLLARS

WE, BANK OF MONTREAL, GLOBAL TRADE SERVICES, HEREBY ESTABLISH IN YOUR FAVOUR THIS IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT (THE "CREDIT") AVAILABLE WITH OURSELVES BY PAYMENT AGAINST PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S) DETAILED HEREIN AND OF YOUR DRAFT(S) AT SIGHT DRAWN ON OURSELVES. THE NUMBER, THE DATE OF THIS CREDIT AND THE NAME OF OUR BANK MUST BE QUOTED ON ALL DRAFTS PRESENTED.

YOUR SIGNED CERTIFICATE STATING THAT TECK COMINCO METALS LTD. HAS DEFAULTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH WATER LICENCE NWB1POLO311 EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2003, AT THE POLARIS OPERATIONS OF TECK COMINCO METALS LTD.

THIS ORIGINAL CREDIT INSTRUMENT.

PARTIAL DRAWINGS ARE ALLOWED.

NEGOTIATION AND/OR PAYMENT UNDER THIS CREDIT IS RESTRICTED TO US ONLY.

THIS CREDIT EXPIRES ON JULY 22, 2004 AT OUR COUNTERS. HOWEVER, IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS CREDIT THAT IT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED WITHOUT AMENDMENT FOR SUCCESSIVE PERIODS OF ONE YEAR UNLESS AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE THEN PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE, WE NOTIFY YOU BY COURIER OR REGISTERED MAIL THAT WE ELECT NOT TO CONSIDER THIS CREDIT EXTENDED FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL PERIOD.

DRAWING(S) UNDER THIS CREDIT MAY BE PRESENTED TO US THROUGH OUR MAIN BRANCH, WELLINGTON AND O'CONNOR STREET, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

THIS CREDIT IS SUBJECT TO THE UNIFORM CUSTOMS AND PRACTICE FOR DOCUMENTARY CREDITS (1993 REVISION, INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PARIS, FRANCE, PUBLICATION NO. 500).

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