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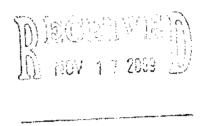


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Mr. Thomas Kabloona Chair Nunavut Water Board PO Box 119 GJOA HAVEN NU X0B 1J0



Dear Mr. Kabloona:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2009, advising me of the modification to reclamation security held for the Polaris Mine under Nunavut water licence 1AR-POL0311.

I would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for its efforts in determining a revised amount of reclamation security meant to fairly represent the costs of abandonment, site restoration and ongoing measures given the progress that the proponent, Teck-Cominco has made in progressive reclamation at the Polaris Mine site. Officials of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada are presently working with the proponent to reduce the security amount currently held for the project.

Thank you again for your letter and for your ongoing dedication in the review and approval of water use in Nunavut.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl