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Site Manager

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Attention: Constantine Bodykevich, Water Resources Officer

Dear Mr. Bodykevich;

Re: Your Report – October 5, 2002 Water Licence Inspection

This letter is being written to confirm our telephone conversation of May 22nd, regarding the report identified above. Polaris is responding well after the fact because although the cover letter was dated November 29, 2002, it and the report were not received until May 7, 2003. During our conversation, I identified three items that required revision.

Firstly, the last page of your cover letter, titled "Non-Compliance of Act" stated that Polaris experienced two unauthorized discharges. This is incorrect, since Polaris had only one unauthorized release (Spill 02-394). Further, this spill was comprised of P20 Diesel fuel, not Bent Horn crude as stated. Spill 02-128 (Jet A1 fuel) did not take place at Polaris as indicated and had been attributed to Polaris due to a clerical error.

Secondly, your formal "Industrial Water Use Inspection Report", dated October 5, 2002, has two similar errors. In the section titled "Violations of Act or Licence", two unauthorized discharges are indicated. As described above, there was only one unauthorized release (Spill 02-394), and it consisted of P20 diesel fuel, not Bend Horn crude as indicated.

Following our conversation, you issued a revised report, dated May 22, 2003, titled "Update to October 5, 2002 Inspection Report". Teckcominco Ltd. appreciates the immediate attention you gave this matter. Teckcominco Ltd. regrets the release that did take place, but remains proud of Polaris' environmental record, and welcomes the opportunity to clarify the issues described.

Yours truly,

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