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Via Email

To: Polaris Distribution List

Subject: Invitation to comment on the Spill Contingency Plan for Polaris Mine

Dear Parties:

On May 20, 2003, the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received the Polaris Mine Demolition and Site Reclamation - Spill Contingency Plan ("Plan") drafted by SNC Lavalin Engineering and Constructors Inc., the lead contractor for the decommissioning and closure of Polaris Mine. The Plan was required as part of Licence NWB1POL0311, Item 1 of Part E: Conditions Applying to Emergency Response.

To ensure that the Plan fully addresses regulatory and environmental protection concerns, interested parties are encouraged to comment upon the Plan. Any comments or requests for clarification regarding the Plan must be submitted to the NWB no later than 5:00 pm M.S.T, July 11, 2003.

The Plan is available on the NWB's FTP server at:

<ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/CURRENT%20HEARINGS/NWB1POL/Polaris%20Spill%20Plan/>

Should interested parties wish to limit the amount of material downloaded from the FTP site, they are informed that the content of the files consists of the following:

- 030523NWB1POL Spill Plan Part1-ILAE: Spill Contingency Plan
- 030523NWB1POL Spill Plan Part2-ILAE: Appendix 1 – Site Maps; and Appendix 2 – MSDS Sheets
- 030523NWB1POL Spill Plan Parts3-14-ILAE – Appendix 2 continued – MSDS Sheets
- 030523NWB1POL Spill Plan Part15-ILAE – Appendix 2 continued – MSDS Sheets; and Appendix 3 – Nunavut Consolidation of Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations

Any questions regarding the review of the Plan can be directed to Philippe di Pizzo, NWB Executive Director, or me.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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