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February 1, 2002

To: Distribution List

Re: Polaris Mine – Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan

Dear Parties:

Recently, all parties on our distribution list were informed about the availability of a submission from Teck Cominco dated January 7, 2002 responding to comments from Holger Hartmaier, BGC Engineering Inc. ('BGC'), dated October 1, 2001; Paul Partridge, Department of Sustainable Development ('DSD'), dated October 25, 2001; Lawrence Ignace, Environment Canada ('EC'), dated October 26, 2001, Michael Roy, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs ('DIAND'), dated October 26, 2001; and Jordan deGroot, Department of Fisheries and Oceans ('DFO'), dated October 26, 2001.

For parties who do not yet have a copy of the submission, a copy is available through the internet on NWB's ftp site at <ftp.nwb.yk.com> in the Polaris Final Response folder.

Teck Cominco's submission either agrees or disagrees with some of the reviewers' comments. Before making our final decision on the proposed decommissioning plan, both DIAND and the NWB would like to know from the reviews who have submitted comments whether, in their opinion, Teck Cominco has provided a satisfactory response to their comments. If you wish to respond or if you have specific concerns, we are asking you to write to the undersigned before **February 11, 2002**. We are asking that your response deal **exclusively with the issues or questions raised in your own submission and Teck Cominco's reply**.

Both DIAND and the NWB are working diligently to complete the review of the decommissioning draft plan by the end of February, 2002. However, in light of the complexity of some issues, we feel that this deadline ought to be flexible to allow us to make the best decision based on the best available scientific evidence.

Sincerely,

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