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cullaton Lake

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Hi,

Just wanted to touch base on Cullaton Lake renewal.

While recently in Vancouver I was talking to one of Barrick's consultant for Cullaton Lake and he made a very interesting point and one that i think i agree with.

His comment was that since that have submitted a closure plan and this is what there reclamation cost estimate is based on then the closure plan should be put out for review for hopefully approval then we can have a real discussion on security. Because right now our (INAC's reclamation estimate is tied to the previous closure plan which was not entirely followed. Therefore right now we have two cost estimates based on two different closure plans, we can not compare the estimate or even have a discussion until we are talking about the same thing (i.e. same closure plan)

Anyway I think this warrants some discussion as we are into the renewal process.

Please let me know your thoughts, would like to continue the discussion.

Thanks,

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