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Vernon Betts Manager, Environmental Affairs Homestake Canada Inc. P.O. Box 11115 1100-1055 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6E 3P3

Subject: Annual Environmental Report

Dear Mr. Betts:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on May 23, 2000 of your letter dated May 15, 2000 with the 1999 Environment, Health & Safety Report from Homestake Mining Company (HMC) for all of HMC's operations.

By copy of this letter to the following parties, I am informing them to contact you directly should they desire a copy of this report.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

cc. Roxanne Beavers, DIAND-Water Resources
Anne Wilson, EC
Gladys Joudrey, NIRB
Chris Nichols, DSD