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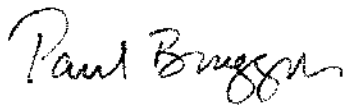
Mr. Kevin Buck
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Dear Mr. Buck:

Further to my email on August 8, please find enclosed the hard copy of the report entitled "Existing Conditions and Screening Level Aquatic Ecological Risk Assessment for the Cullaton Lake Mine Site" by AECOM Canada Ltd. This report is pursuant to discussions arising from the findings in the BGC Engineering Inc. report "2006 Site Inspection Report and Mine Closure Review" and is submitted in support of our request to return the leases to the crown.

Following your review, David Abernethy suggested we convene a technical meeting to discuss the findings and address the other issues raised in the BGC report. I am available at your convenience and location for such a meeting.

Sincerely,



Paul Brugger, P. Eng.
Site Manager

Cc Ms. Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director, Nunavut Water Board
Mr. Bill Ferdinand, Director, EHS, North America Region

