

**PROJECT SUMMARY**  
**2000 Reconnaissance Mineral Exploration Program,**  
**Archer Fiord, NE Ellesmere Island, Canadian Arctic**

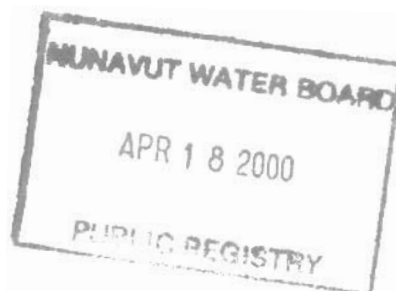
Cominco Ltd. has plans for a limited, surface reconnaissance mineral exploration program in 2000 on northeastern Ellesmere Island. This work is a continuation of similar, previous work by Cominco Ltd. on southeastern Ellesmere Island in 1997. The program will be based from a small tent camp at Carl Ritter Bay, serviced by temporary airstrip, and last for approximately 6 weeks, commencing say June 18; the camp will be adjacent to the campsite of the Geological Survey which has been used for the past 2 years, and will be used again this year. The program will include geological mapping, prospecting and geochemical sampling of stream sediments. There will be a surface crew of eight people, including four geologists, two prospectors, one technician, and one local Inuit field assistant. Daily traverses of river valleys and mountain ridges will be done by four two-man teams, with set-outs and pick-ups from camp by helicopter. No heavy equipment will be used for camp set up or for daily surface exploration work.

The attached map shows the planned work area for 2000, and the exact location of the camp. All work will be done on DIAND Prospecting Permits shown on the map; there is a contingency in the program for mineral claim staking, but none is planned. Helicopter fuel, and some camp supplies were cached at Carl Ritter Bay in July, 1999, and is presently under storage according to DIAND Land Use Permit N1999J0028; application for an amendment of this permit to include commencement of the surface reconnaissance exploration program in 2000 is in progress. Mobilization of remaining camp supplies to Carl Ritter Bay will be done mid-June, with daily traverses by field crews beginning in the fourth week of June. The camp will be serviced by weekly Twin Otter charter flights from Resolute Bay.

I am the Project Supervisor responsible for all administration, pre-field season preparation, and post-field season reporting related to the Ellesmere Project, and as well, will be the field supervisor during the summer program. As with previous surface exploration work by Cominco Ltd. in the Arctic Islands, all provisions and rules set out in DIAND Prospecting Permit guidelines will be met. It is a Cominco Ltd. policy not to disturb or harm wildlife in any way during the course of field work and this will be strictly enforced during the upcoming summer program. A project summary, including provisions for Health and Safety, is on file with the Chief Inspector of Mines, Yellowknife.

I am looking forward to a productive and enjoyable time on northeastern Ellesmere Island this summer. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding Cominco's planned activities, or if you require any additional information.

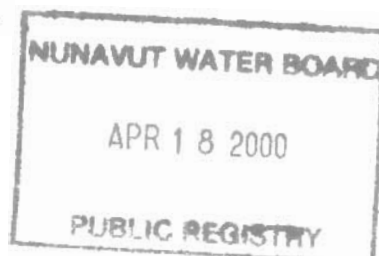
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