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April 6, 2001

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By Facsimile: 867-360-6369

Attention: Rita Becker

Re: Request for Extension for the submission of the Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan Echo Bay Mines, Lupin Operations.

Environment Canada has no concerns with the above noted extension and we will anticipate the submission of this report by April 30, 2001.

For future correspondence please contact me at (867) 669-4743 or Paula.Pacholek@ec.gc.ca .

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Paula Pacholek Environmental Assessment Coordinator

cc: Stephen Harbicht, Head of Environmental Assessment and Monitoring