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Melissa:

We have firmed up our operational plans for the Lupin care and maintenance program for this year. We have notified the Water Board of our plans, and they have suggested that we also inform INAC directly. It will be necessary for water to be discharged from the Tailings Containment Facility pond to the environment this summer in order to maintain safe water levels. The pH of the water customarily needs to be adjusted prior to discharge. To make this adjustment lime is added to the pond. The most effective way to mix lime throughout the pond is to place the material on the ice late in the spring and allow it to enter the water column when the ice melts in the summer.

On April 20th, a three person crew was mobilized to Lupin to carry out this work. Two more people were flown in to the site on April 30th. The crew was housed in a small tent camp set up on the mine site. They hauled water by truck from Contwoyto Lake for washing, and kitchen use. Drinking water was provided by bottled water. Grey water was discharged to the sewage lakes. Solid waste will be removed from the site for disposal in Yellowknife. We are currently in the process of demobilizing from the site. In all, approximately 40 tonnes of hydrated lime was placed on Pond 2 in the last two weeks.

We next plan to be on site in the first week of June. A two person crew will fly in to prepare for water discharge, which will start on or about July 15th. The crew will stay on the site in the mine manager/guest house.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I am working out of home right now, so the best way to contact me is by e-mail or on my cell phone at 807-251-6722.

Regards

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