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**PROPOSED REVISIONS
TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY DIKE DESIGN
MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Robert,

This letter describes proposed revisions to the Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) "Report on Tailings Storage Facility Dike Design, Meadowbank Gold Project" Doc. No. 784 Version 0, issued for review on December 17, 2008. This letter is meant to accompany the design report submitted to the Nunavut Water Board.

Proposed revisions are based on notes made by Golder from discussions with the Meadowbank Dike Review Board (MDRB) during meetings of January 8 and 9, 2009. The following list of proposed revisions is therefore preliminary and actual revisions will be based on the MDRB's official letter report.

No.	Concern	Response/Revision
1	Design to allow for storage of water in the north basin of the TSF.	Revision to include design criteria for possible storage of water in the north basin including allowable water storage and freeboard requirements, criteria for protection against ice loading on the upstream face, and possible revision to the tailings deposition plan.
2	Steam/fog from tailings deposited in cold conditions.	No changes to the dike design. To note as a concern in the Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual with respect to both the airstrip and roadways adjacent to the TSF.
3	Use of Coletanche liner.	To review liner material with respect to anticipated construction conditions, failure mechanisms, and performance criteria. To review foundation preparation and liner bedding preparation requirements.
4	Filter compatibility.	Filter design to be reviewed.

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5	Stormwater Dike.	To clarify section and seepage collection requirements in report. No change in section anticipated.
6	Central Dike design to be reviewed at a more advanced stage.	Future geotechnical investigations planned.
7	Saddle Dams - effect of ponded water in rockfill embankments.	To review potential effects. Design already includes protection against uplift of liner.
8	Design earthquake loading for analyses of closure conditions.	To review design criteria.

Additional anticipated revisions that are not related to the MDRB include:

- Future versions of the design will use the term "Stormwater Dike" instead of "Divider Dike" to maintain consistency with the terminology of the Water License.
- The alignment of Saddle Dam 3 will be revised to accommodate the planned limits of the airstrip quarry.
- The connection between the Central Dike and Saddle Dam 5 may be optimized to reduce the length of cut-off construction.
- Designs will be updated with results of geotechnical investigations planned for February-April 2009.
- Updates to the Central Dike design will follow investigations completed after 2009.

Yours very truly,

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