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Ms Leslie Payette
Manager, Environmental Administration
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 2379
Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: Health Canada's request regarding Part 4 screening, Comaplex Meliadine West Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample Project Proposal

Dear Ms Payette,

In regards to Health Canada's concern with health and safety and subsequent request under section 36 to provide a plan for mine rescue prior to undertaking any underground exploration work we would like to advise you of the following.

Mine rescue operations are required under the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mine Health and Safety Act and Regulations sections 8.59 through 8.64. Regulation section 8.61 requires a copy of the mine rescue procedure and emergency egress procedure (1.119 f) which is acceptable to the chief inspector (1.116) be submitted and approved prior to undertaking the work.

Due to the nature of the work and relatively small workforce, as per section 47 of the Mines Health and Safety Act, Redpath will submit a variance request to the Chief Mine Inspector in respect to the mine rescue regulations.

Redpath is currently in discussion with mine operators regarding possible emergency assistance agreements (8.60) and will submit the completed variance request to the chief inspector for approval once an assistance agreement is in place. All documentation will be available for review upon approval by the Chief Mine Inspector.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at 1-705-474-2461 ext 232

Sincerely,

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