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TO: Rita Becker, Manager

FROM: Matt Rees

RE: Rainbow Project, Water Use Application

CC:

Further to our previous electronic form submittal, please find enclosed hard copies of the completed Water Use License Application Form, Camp Questionnaire and other supporting documents for our Rainbow Project, located 260 km west of Arviat. Please note that at this time, it is our intention to locate the campsite near the Cullaton Lake airstrip (we are getting permission from Barrick to use the airstrip), which is located on Crown lands (Class A Land Use Permit in application thru DIAND), while most of the exploration work and drilling will be located on Inuit owned lands (Class III Land Use License in application thru KIA).

Also note that a cheque in the amount of $30 for the application fee is being forwarded under separate cover from our accounting department Toronto (sorry!). Also note that I am forwarding this application package as soon as possible to get the application process started, but have not yet received the project summary translation from the translator (and our usual translator was too busy at work!). This will be forwarded to your office as soon as it is received.

Should I have neglected to answer any question fully, or you require further information, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me at your earliest convenience. Thanks for considering this application.

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Safety & Environmental Excellence

Noranda and Falconbridge are committed to applying the highest ethical, safety, health, environmental and social standards wherever we operate. We have adopted a common Sustainable Development Policy as part of the overall integration strategy.

Our commitment to excellence is carried forward wherever our exploration group is operating and evaluating projects around the world.

Our goal is to enhance Noranda/Falconbridge's ability to meet the corporate responsibility of workplace safety and to consistently conduct safe and environmentally responsible exploration worldwide.

We are also Founding Partners of the PDAC's Environmental Excellence in Exploration initiative.

Leveraging Our Technical Expertise

- Noranda/Falconbridge is a recognized leader in deploying innovative exploration techniques and technology
- Our exploration technology group draws on a pool of highly skilled and creative individuals who have been involved with and contributed to several significant discoveries
- A track record of exploration successes includes Uijina/Collahuasi (Chile), Nickel Rim South (Sudbury), East Lake Deposit (Raglan), Perseverance (Matagami)
- Significant edge in the exploration for nickel sulphides. This includes successful exploration programs using assorted ontime airborne, ground, and borehole technologies
- At the forefront of using 3D EM, magnetic and gravity modelling tools to accurately map potential orebodies
- Emphasis on tailoring exploration programs to the specific physical properties of the target (e.g. Nickel Rim South - high conductance - requires recording of certain parameters not routinely acquired)

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Noranda/Falconbridge
PARTNERING FOR GROWTH

Two Great Traditions - One Great Partnership

Key Facts

- Focused on nickel and copper
- Striving to be the most valued and sought after partner
- Exploration offices located in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, South Africa and Australia
- Active in Tanzania, PNG, Norway, Turkey
- Joint Venture partnerships with more than 50 major and junior mining companies
- US $50 million of internal and leveraged funds forecasted for 2004 exploration expenditures
- Founding partner in PDAC's Environmental Excellence initiative
- Expertise in hyperspectral/remote sensing and electromagnetic geophysical techniques and modelling
- Expertise in mineral resource estimation

With an integrated exploration team and strategy, Noranda Inc. and Falconbridge Limited are focused on discovering or acquiring new nickel and copper deposits around the world.

Both companies have long traditions of success at exploring, discovering and partnering through new growth opportunities. Today, our objective is to be the most valued and sought after partner in the mining and metals business.

Our global exploration team is dedicated to pursuing new growth opportunities. It includes some of the most experienced people in the industry and is supported by solid financial and technical resources allowing it to deploy some of the most sophisticated exploration technologies in the world.

Through our experienced Mergers & Acquisition team, Noranda/Falconbridge bring financing strength and a proven track record in developing new Ni/Cu/Zn/Pt/Pd opportunities with both junior and senior mining companies.

Exploration and M&A success has the backing of a capable project engineering team with a track record of successfully building mines around the world - Raglan, Antamina, Collahuasi, and Koniambo on the horizon.

At Noranda/Falconbridge, we are breaking new ground!

FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

Noranda Inc. is a leading copper and nickel company with investments in fully-integrated zinc and aluminum assets. The Company's primary focus is the identification and development of world-class copper and nickel mineral deposits. It employs 15,000 people at its operations and offices in 17 countries and is listed on The New York Stock Exchange and The Toronto Stock Exchange (NRD).

Falconbridge Limited is a leading producer of nickel, copper, cobalt and platinum group metals. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FL. Falconbridge is owned by Noranda Inc. of Toronto (59.5%) and by other investors (40.5%).

North America

North America *provides some of the most rewarding geological environments for nickel sulphides in the world. Falconbridge is well positioned to take advantage of this with projects in Sudbury, Ontario, Raglan, Quebec and Thompson, Manitoba. Noranda is focused on copper and zinc targets in the Abitibi Greenstone belt, has reactivated a major exploration program in the Bathurst mining camp, and is testing a major copper-gold porphyry system in B.C.*

Ontario

- Mineral resources in Sudbury continue to grow with a major new discovery at Nickel Rim South and ongoing drilling on the Fraser Morgan Deposit. The revised resource estimate for Nickel Rim South is 11.7 million tonnes grading 1.8% Ni, 3.7% Cu, 5 g/t PM
- Planned expenditures for new discoveries in the Sudbury area are CAN $12 million

Quebec

- More than CAN $9 million dollars will be spent at Raglan and the adjacent Ungava properties to continue to expand the resource base with the objective of supporting a production increase.
- Expenditures of CAN $6.7 million are planned for the Abitibi in Quebec and Ontario with our partners, Novicourt, Virginia Gold, Nuinsco and Wallbridge

New Brunswick

- Through a JV with SLAM Exploration, a CAN $5 million per year exploration program will commence in the Bathurst mining camp based on deploying new technology, integrated with Noranda's historical database.

British Columbia

- Noranda is pursuing an option on a major porphyry copper gold system in B.C. with Seabridge Resources at Kerr-Sulfurets.

Manitoba

- Falconbridge has joint venture opportunities available through its plans to re-activate a major nickel exploration program on its large, prospective land package in the Thompson Nickel Belt.

Europe/Southern Africa

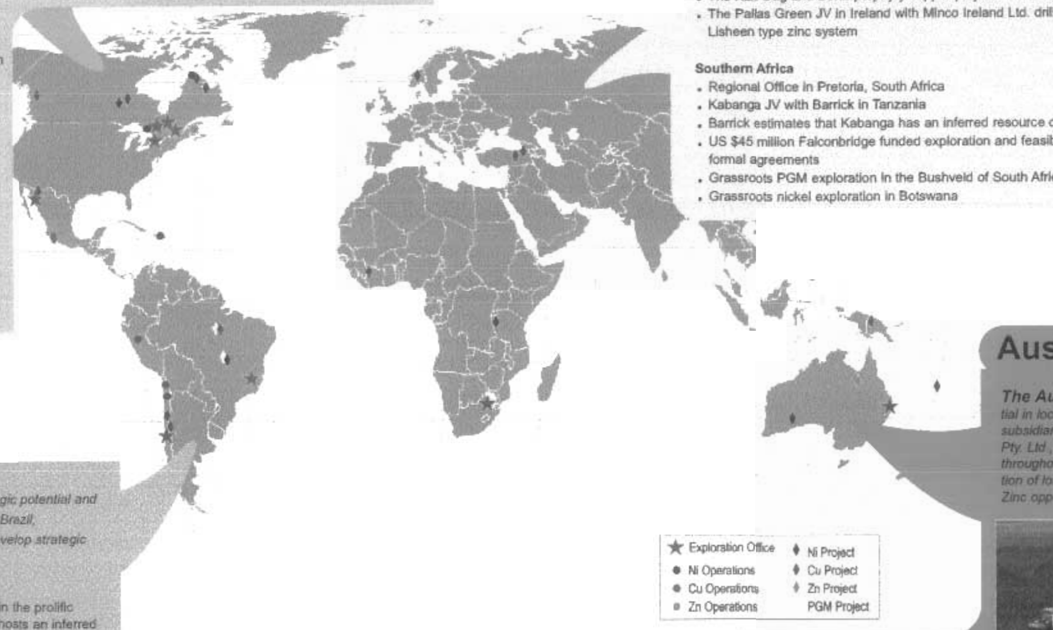
Europe and Southern Africa *present many new and exciting nickel, copper and zinc growth opportunities. Through Joint Venture partnerships, Noranda/Falconbridge maintain active exploration programs in Europe. The primary focus is copper and nickel properties. Zinc opportunities will also be considered.*

Europe

- The Espedalen and Vakkerlien JV in Norway with Blackstone Resources earning 60% from A/S Sulfidmalm (100% Falconbridge). AEM, ground EM and drilling are planned for 2004 in search for massive nickel sulphides in a mafic - ultramafic complex with geological similarities to Voisey's Bay.
- The Kizil Dag and Berta porphyry copper projects in Turkey to be drilled in 2004.
- The Pallas Green JV in Ireland with Minco Ireland Ltd. drilling a large Lisheen type zinc system

Southern Africa

- Regional Office in Pretoria, South Africa
- Kabanga JV with Barrick in Tanzania
- Barrick estimates that Kabanga has an inferred resource of 26.4 million tonnes grading 2.6% nickel
- US $45 million Falconbridge funded exploration and feasibility program to be initiated at Kabanga on completion of formal agreements
- Grassroots PGM exploration in the Bushveld of South Africa
- Grassroots nickel exploration in Botswana



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Latin America

Latin America *has seen a resurgence in exploration activity in response to the geologic potential and growth of the mining sector. With a proven track record and offices in Mexico, Chile, and Brazil, Noranda/Falconbridge is well positioned to act on new Cu, Ni, and PGE opportunities, develop strategic partnerships to share risk, and carry out grass roots work in select areas.*

Mexico

- El Pilar is a wholly owned oxide copper resource located in northern Sonora State within the prolific SW U.S. - Sonora Cu porphyry province. Discovered in 2000 by Noranda, the deposit hosts an inferred resource of 210 Mt grading 0.34 % Cu.
- San Diego is a wholly-owned Cu porphyry prospect in Michoacan State. This drill-ready porphyry prospect has not been tested, and is available for Joint Venture.

Chile

- In partnership with Metallica Resources, Noranda has the right to earn a 70% interest in JV lands that host the La Fortuna deposit. Discovered in 2001 by Noranda, this Cu-Au porphyry has an estimated inferred resource of 466 Mt grading 0.61% Cu and 0.50 gpt Au.
- Through a JV with Anglo American, Noranda can earn 50% equity interest in the West Wall property, and can increase the equity interest to 60% by satisfying certain obligations. This Cu porphyry target is located in central Chile near the world class Andina and El Teniente Cu porphyries.

Brazil

- With potential for Cu-Au IOCG deposits, PGE, and Ni, Brazil is a priority exploration target for Noranda/Falconbridge.
- Joint Venture and strategic alliances with Gold Fields, Impala Platinum Holdings and Phelps Dodge.
- Grassroots work in northern Brazil

Argentina

- The El Pachon deposit was purchased by Noranda in September, 2001. This undeveloped Cu-Mo porphyry is estimated to contain total measured and indicated resources of 723.9 Mt grading 0.65% Cu and 0.02% Mo, and an inferred resource of 560 Mt grading 0.52% Cu and 0.01% Mo

Australasia

The Australasian Region *offers excellent base metal potential in locations where responsible mining is welcomed. Through subsidiaries such as Noranda Pacific and Falconbridge (Australia) Pty. Ltd., exploration and advanced project work is carried out throughout the region. Priority is placed on the discovery or acquisition of long life, low operating cost mining assets of nickel or copper. Zinc opportunities are also considered and welcomed.*

Australia

- Discovery Nickel is focused on the discovery and development of nickel-copper sulphides. Falconbridge owns a 14.3% equity interest in the company. Discovery provides Falconbridge with the opportunity to build an ongoing, productive alliance with a dedicated junior nickel exploration company. Falconbridge has a once only right to earn 51% interest on any properties for a period of three years
- Lady Loretta base metal deposit, Queensland of which Noranda owns 75% and Buka 25%. Noranda has completed a feasibility study on this project and is awaiting improved market conditions. The Lady Loretta mineral resource is 11.6mt @ 16.1% Zn, 5.7% Pb, 95 g/t Ag
- Noranda and Exco Resources jointly own Black Rock Minerals, which is exploring a 70km long property in the Mount Isa region, immediately north of the world class Cannington Ag-Pb-Zn mine

PNG

- Highlands Pacific Option, Papua New Guinea-Frieda River-Nena, April River and Nong River projects. Noranda Highlands Inc. has the right to earn between 51% and 72% interest in these three properties. At the Frieda-Nena property, large copper-gold resources have been idenified. These include an inferred resource totalling 465mt @ 0.71% Cu and 0.42 g/t Au at Horse/Ivaal/Trukai and an indicated resource totalling 50mt @ 2.2% Cu and 0.60 g/t Au at Nena