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To: Participants  
Metal Mines Guidelines Review Process

Date: May 11, 1981

Our File: Gambier Island

Re: Gambier Island Copper Molybdenum Project

The M.M.S.C. has received an April, 1981 report entitled Gambier Island Mine: A Preliminary Project Assessment. Some of you have already received the report, and a copy is attached for those who have not.

In agreeing to circulate the report to provincial and federal agencies for review and comment, we have informed the company that we will be stressing the following points to reviewers:

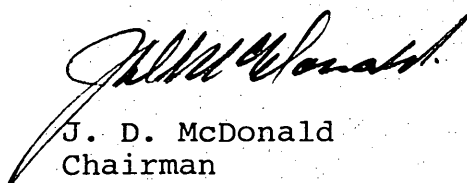
1. The M.M.S.C. is accepting the report on an informal basis since it does not constitute an official submission pursuant to the Procedures for Obtaining Approval of Metal Mine Development.
2. The report is regarded as a background technical report which is being distributed primarily for information purposes.
3. Review comments are requested on the following questions:
  - has the report made use of all available baseline information?
  - are there any obvious errors of fact or omission in the description of existing conditions?
  - based on the crude mining plan which is presented, has the report overlooked or understated any potential impacts?
4. A review deadline of 1981-06-26 is being sent for your comments.
5. The review comments will be forwarded to the company's consultant for information and use in focussing its Stage I study program.
6. A Stage I report will be filed once a better defined mining plan has been developed by 20th Century Energy Corporation.
7. The present informal review will not be used as a basis for the Provincial Government to make a decision on the overall acceptability of the project.
8. The company intends to release the report shortly, and the consultant has asked that it be treated confidentially by government reviewers until officially released.

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In conclusion, then, we have organized an informal review of an unofficial submission with the primary objective of helping the company to focus its Stage I study program. This review is not part of your regular participation in the M.M.G.R.P., and if our review request poses problems, please notify Ray Crook or myself (at 387-3781).

Yours truly,



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