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## Burden Investors Services, Inc.

630 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

Telephone: (212) 489-1200

November 5, 1971

Mr. William M. Sharp 171 West Esplanade North Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Dear Bill:

The evaluation of the production payment is understandably complicated by the present lack of proved ore reserves. We would still like, however, to have some estimate of what you believe this right to future income is worth at present. This could be presented on the basis that proven reserves are not sufficient to meet the capital repayment requirements and that in your opinion the chances of further developing future reserves are such that the property has no present meaningful value. On the other hand, if you feel that the chances of further development work (or exploration) Feb/72, W.S. thurbers are sufficiently good to assign some value to these you would so state the value in terms of a 50% chance (for instance) to which a further discount factor of 25% (to come to present worth) should apply to produce a current value of \$187,500, (\$500,000 x 50% x 75%).

> I suggest that you discuss this matter with Bill Douglass and that you call me again before you finalize your report.

> > Sincerely yours,

Roy N. Figueroa

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December 27, 1971

Mr. William M. Sharp 171 West Esplanade North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Dear Bill:

Transmitted herewith is a check of First National City Bank in Canadian funds for \$1,427.19 in payment of your invoice dated December 8, 1971. The billing is entirely satisfactory to us and the delay in paying has been occasioned by the pressure of other year-end work. I hope that you feel the fee is adequate for the time you had to spend on these matters.

The report is helpful in appraising the overall worth of the mine at Silmonac, but since the production payment is in the form of a royalty based upon tons mined after recovery of capital costs and is limited to a maximum of \$3 per ton (see copies of agreements attached) with a sliding scale up to such amount depending upon the yield per ton, I do not believe the report in its present form directly furnishes the desired valuation of only the production payment. I will write to you concerning this more fully at a later date. The report did, however, serve the purpose of allowing the Directors of Burden Investors Services, Inc. to conclude that the present value of the production payment is indeterminable since the present "proved" ore reserves are only sufficient to assure recovery of the Joint Venture's costs.

Sincerely yours,

Roy N. Figueroa

Treasurer

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W. C. Douglass