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Date: Jan. 4, 1994

Re: Cassiar Mining Geological Database

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Following the memo from John Errington to contact the Receiver directly, I talked to Neil Bunker, of Arthur Anderson, three times.

It is difficult to catch him in the office - he travels a lot.

I explained the issue and value of the data on November 4, 1993 to him and he promised to look into it. He confirmed that the files had been shipped somewhere and promised to trace them and call me back in two weeks time.

Since I did not hear from him, I called again on November 26, to be told that he did not have time to trace them, and that he would try in December.

On January 4, 1994, I called him again and still nothing has been done. In his words this is "a low priority issue" for him.

It is my information, from a private source, that the Cassiar files may be in the possession of Mr. Bill Morrison, of the University of Northern B.C., in Prince George.

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CASSIAR MINE GOES UNDERGROUND - NEW JOBS AND LONGER MINE LIFE

Victoria, B.C. - A \$60 million program to develop the McDame underground asbestos deposit at Cassiar was announced today by Cassiar Mining Corporation. The new development is being financed by the company and private lenders with support from the province of British Columbia in the form of a loan of up to \$25 million.

"This will extend the life of the mine until at least the end of the century," said Jack Davis, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. "The McDame deposit has proven reserves for at least ten years and good potential thereafter, while Cassiar's existing open-pit reserves can only sustain operations until 1991."

The underground mining operations will mean 71 additional jobs, bringing direct employment in Cassiar's mining and milling to more than 400 people. A further 70 jobs will be maintained in head office and in transporting the product to dockside in North Vancouver.

"Cassiar has been the major regional centre in northwestern B.C. for more than thirty years. It is home to 1200 people and the centre for schools, services, and transportation," said Stephen Rogers, Minister of State for the Nechako Region. "Extending the mine's life means the region's outlook for new development is assured."

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The province's loan is secured by Cassiar's assets and is structured so that the province may participate in future profits should asbestos markets improve. The rate of interest is above the province's own cost of borrowing.

"Funds will be advanced under the Industrial Development Incentive Act," said Economic Development Minister Grace McCarthy. "The high quality fiber produced at Cassiar is exported to more than 40 countries throughout the world and ranks as one of our important export products."

The chrysotile asbestos from Cassiar's existing open-pit operation and from the new McDame deposit is used in applications which meet the International Labour Organization and U.S. health standards. Cassiar is researching new milling technology to produce a better, more economical, product.

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