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Dear Mr. Pelley:

Re: Cirque Lead/Zinc/Silver Project - Prospectus (July, 1989)

Participants in the Mine Development Review Process (MDRP) have completed their review of your company's July, 1989 prospectus. I attach review comments for your information and necessary action. A Stage I submission will be required for this project. I apologize for the delay in forwarding official comments to you. However, I trust that you have already received the key agency inputs through informal direct contact with review agencies. With respect to the Stage I submission, for the present, the Mine Development Steering Committee will maintain responsibility for coordinating MDRP agency discussions with your company regarding the Stage I study program. At this time, the Steering Committee has made no final decision about whether or not it will handle review of the Stage I submission itself. If no major issues arise during your company's Stage I study program, and none are noted when a draft Stage I submission is subjected to a preliminary screening, the Steering Committee may delegate the review to the Northeast Mine Development Review Committee, based in Prince George, for handling by regional agency staff.

The attached review comments should be viewed as terms of reference for the forthcoming Stage I submission. While we appreciate that your company's Stage I program is already well advanced, if it has not already done so, your company is urged to meet with government agencies which have a major interest in your project to fine-tune the terms of reference. If any Stage I advice or information requirements are unclear, please contact me, and I will seek clarification.

A decision on project approval-in-principle will be made after the Stage I submission has been reviewed. Approval-in-principle will be granted if there are no major outstanding policy or technical concerns. It is especially important for the Stage I submission to focus

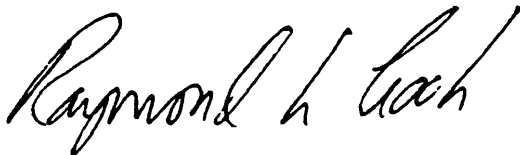
on what agencies have identified as the key issues. In this regard, I wish to stress that a thorough assessment of the potential for acid mine drainage is a major requirement. In addition, a complete analysis of the socio-economic impacts of the project is required. These and other identified issues should be fully addressed in the Stage I report.

I should note that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has raised no concerns with respect to your company's project, and declines further involvement in project review.

Please contact me when your company is ready to submit the draft Stage I report. The Mine Development Steering Committee (MDSC) will require ten (10) copies of the submission for a two-week screening. If major deficiencies are identified, upgrading will be required prior to detailed review of the formal submission. The MDSC will then decide whether or not to delegate the Stage I review to the recently formed Northeast Mine Development Review Committee. Once the submission is accepted for formal, detailed review, your company will be requested to circulate about thirty-five (35) copies directly to MDRP participants. A list of names and addresses will be provided. In addition, you will be requested to send copies to local governments, Native groups, public libraries and other interested parties, as was the case for the prospectus.

In closing, thank you for your company's cooperation with the review process to date. Please contact me if you have any questions (phone: 356-2230).

Yours truly,



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Chairman
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Attachment: Review comments on prospectus
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