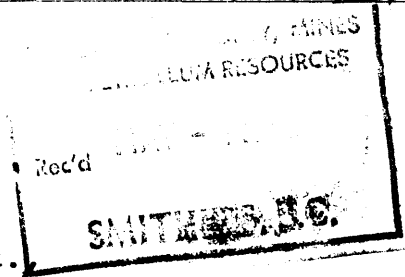




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April 14, 1986

Mr. H.G. Ewanchuk,
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Dear Mr. Ewanchuk:

Re: Nickel Plate Gold Project - Stage I Review

In accordance with the 1986-03-26 letter from the Honourable Austin Pelton, Chairman of the Environment and Land Use Committee, to yourself (copy of letter attached), I am forwarding to you a compendium of detailed government Stage I review comments, dated 1986-02-26. This document outlines outstanding matters to be addressed at Stage III (the permit acquisition stage). This document supersedes all draft comments which I have provided to representatives of your company in recent weeks, including draft Ministry of Environment comments conveyed to Brian Kynoch on 86-04-11.

Your company, if it has not already done so, is now expected to take the initiative in approaching government agencies directly on a one-on-one basis to discuss, evaluate and ultimately resolve outstanding concerns during Stage III. Discussions with relevant Ministries should begin as soon as possible.

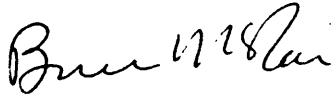
By copy of this letter, I am circulating the Stage I review compendium and Mr. Pelton's letter to all government participants in the Mine Development Review Process for this project. Given your company's proposal to commence construction in early May, I would ask all relevant government agencies to cooperate fully in the achievement of an expeditious resolution of outstanding matters, whether of a permitting or non-permitting nature.

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I also wish to take this opportunity to advise those MDRP participants who are not already aware that the ELUC has granted approval-in-principle to a project proposal which differs slightly from that outlined in the Stage I report, most notably in the rate of milling (which is increased from 1,500 to 1,800 short tons per day). The mine plan changes are outlined in the attached 86-01-14 letter from the company.

In closing, on behalf of the MDSC and all MDRP participants, I wish to echo the ELUC's thanks for your company's excellent cooperation with the MDRP to date. Please telephone me (at 387-3787) if you have any questions or comments relating to either the foregoing or the attachments.

Yours truly,


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Raymond L. Crook,
Acting Chairman,
Mine Development Steering Committee,
c/o Mineral Policy & Evaluation Branch,
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Attachments: - letter, Pelton to Ewanchuk 86-03-26
- letter, Saxton to Crook, 86-01-14
- Stage I review compendium.

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