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Dear Mr. Franzen:

Re: Mount Milligan Copper/Gold Project - Prospectus (February, 1990)

Participants in the Mine Development Review Process (MDRP) have completed their review of your company's February, 1990 prospectus. I attach review comments for your information and necessary action. I apologize for the delay in forwarding official comments to you; however, I trust that you have already received comments from the key agencies through informal direct contact with review agencies. A Stage I submission will be required for this project, and if no major issues arise during a preliminary screening of a draft Stage I submission, it will be our intention to regionalize the review of the report so that, when filed, it will be handled by the Northeast Mine Development Review Committee, rather than by the Victoria-based Mine Development Steering Committee (MDSC). However, in the meantime, the MDSC will maintain responsibility for coordinating MDRP agency discussions with your company regarding the Stage I study program. Details are provided later in my letter.

The attached review comments should be viewed as terms of reference for the forthcoming Stage I submission. Your company is urged to continue to meet with government agencies that have a major interest in your project to fine-tune the terms of reference. If agencies' 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 important for the Stage I submission to focus on what agencies have identified as the key issues. In this regard, I wish to mention that the accurate prediction and prevention of acid rock drainage and the protection of water quality and fisheries in the Nation River drainage system are the major environmental concerns. Your company has also been requested to complete an archaeological and socio-economic impact assessment. A 1:50,000 scale map indicating

the proposed location of the electrical transmission right-of-way is required by the Ministry of Environment in order to provide your company with detailed terms of reference for the Stage I evaluation of the impacts of the right-of-way.

I should note that the following agencies raised no concerns with respect to your company's project, and decline further involvement in project review:

- the Ministry of Parks;
- the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- the Ministry of Attorney General; and
- the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Please contact me when your company is ready to submit a draft Stage I report. The MDSC will require six copies of the submission for a two-week screening. If major deficiencies are identified, upgrading will be required prior to a detailed review of the formal submission. The MDSC will then decide whether or not to delegate the Stage I review to the Northeast Mine Development Review Committee. Approximately thirty-five (35) copies of the formal submission will be required to be sent directly to MDRP participants, once accepted for formal detailed review. 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: 356-2229).

Yours truly,



for Norman Ringstad
Chairman
Mine Development Steering Committee
c/o Engineering and Inspection Branch
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Attachment: Review comments on prospectus
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