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MEMORANDUM

To: Selected Members of the
Mine Development Review Process
(see distribution list)

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Re: Mount Milligan Copper/Gold Project - Stage I Review

Continental Gold Corporation has now distributed a seven-volume Stage I report (April 1991) directly to provincial and federal review agencies, Native groups, public libraries and the public for review. The objective of the Stage I review is to determine whether the report addresses the concerns raised by government agencies at the end of the prospectus (February, 1990) review. Key issues identified during the review of the prospectus included the requirement for a thorough assessment of the potential for acid mine drainage and an analysis of the socio-economic impacts of the project.

With respect to the foregoing, you are asked to review the Stage I report from your agency's perspective. Your review of the report should be geared toward the following:

- o a decision on approval-in-principle (AIP) at the end of the Stage I review; and
- o a decision on whether or not outstanding concerns can be handled at Stage III, thereby waiving the requirement for Stage II.

In conducting the review, agencies should focus on the issues that were identified during the prospectus review or subsequent to the review.

In order to expedite the review of this project, a technical review meeting will be held in Prince George on 1991-06-06 to discuss key agencies preliminary review comments. In addition, a field tour of the project site is planned for 1991-06-05 and anyone involved in the review of the project is invited to attend. The company is planning to provide transportation from Prince George to the project site. Details concerning the field tour and meeting will be circulated in the near future.

In the meantime, by no later than 1991-06-30, you are asked to review the Stage I report and respond to the following questions from your agency's perspective:

1. Do you support the granting of AIP at the end of Stage I?

2. If you do not require further information at Stage I, what (if any) information or permitting requirements remain to be addressed at Stage III?

Thank you for participating in the review of this project.

Anne Currie

for Norm Ringstad
Chairman
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