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OPEN LETTER TO: The General Public and Public Interest Groups with an Interest in the Review of the Proposed Red Chris Copper/Gold Mine Project

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED BY JANUARY 16, 1996 ON AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RED CHRIS COPPER/GOLD PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

This letter is to invite public comment by January 16, 1996 on an application, submitted by American Bullion Minerals Ltd., for approval of the Red Chris Copper/Gold Mine project which is being reviewed according to the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The proposal is for an open pit copper/gold mine, approximately 1750 metres by 950 metres, a 50,000 tonne per day mill, a tailings and waste rock disposal facility, an access road to the site, load out facilities in the Port of Stewart and a transmission line from Meziadin Junction to the site. The estimated mine life is fifteen years based on current reserves. The mine site is located on a plateau between Ealue and Kluea Lakes approximately 18 km southeast of the Village of Iskut and 80 km south of Dease Lake.

As provided in the *Environmental Assessment Act*, a Project Committee comprised of various provincial, federal and local government agencies and First Nations is being established to review the Red Chris project. The Project Committee will assess the potential environmental, economic, social, cultural, heritage and health effects of the project, and eventually, will make recommendations to the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. The Ministers will jointly decide whether or not to grant a project approval certificate to the project.

Public comment is invited on the application to ensure that public issues and concerns are identified and addressed as part of the environmental assessment review process. You are invited to review the application, and, focusing on the anticipated effects of the project, to provide input on the following questions:

1. Has the application identified, at a preliminary overview level, the significant potential effects of, and issues raised by, the Red Chris copper/gold mine project?
2. If not, what additional issues should be addressed during this review?

The application may be viewed at the Environmental Assessment Office Registry on the 1st Floor, 836 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X4, (604) 356-7441, or at one of the following satellite repositories in communities located close to the project location:

Dease Lake Reading Centre
Northern Lights College
Basement
(604) 771-3636

Smithers Public Library
3817 Alfred Ave.
(604) 847-3043

Stewart Public Library
Stewart Secondary School
Ninth Street
(604) 636-2380

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IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW, ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MYSELF, THE RED CHRIS MINE PROJECT COMMITTEE CHAIR, BY JANUARY 16, 1996. The entire text of all public and agency submissions will be available to the public through the Environmental Assessment Project Registry, subject only to the protection of privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be considered as part of the environmental assessment process.

Following the conclusion of the public comment period on the application, the next review steps will be for the Project Committee to:

1. Consider all public and agency comments received by this office in relation to the proposed project; and to
2. Evaluate whether there is sufficient information within the application to make a referral to the two Ministers for a decision on whether or not to grant a project approval certificate, or whether further information is required in a further submission from the proponent (known as the "Project Report") at the next stage of review.

If you require further information on the process, please telephone me at the Environmental Assessment Office at (604) 387-1624, or contact the Office by fax at (604) 387-2208, or by writing to 2nd Floor, 836 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X4.

If you do not wish to receive further updates on this review and would like to have your name removed from the Environmental Assessment Office's mailing list for this project, please contact the Project Registrar at (604) 356-7442, or by fax at (604) 356-7440, or by writing to 1st Floor, 836 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X4.

Yours truly,



Leslie Hildebrandt
Project Committee Chair
Red Chris Copper/Gold Project Review
Environmental Assessment Office

cc: Environmental Assessment Project Registry



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November 28, 1995

To: General Public and Public Interest Groups with an interest in the Red Chris Mine Project

RE: RED CHRIS MINE PROJECT
NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

The Environmental Assessment Office Project Registry would like to advise you that the application for the above project is now available for review at the following repositories;

The proposal is for an open pit copper/gold mine, approximately 1750 metres by 950 metres, a 50,000 tonne per day mill, a tailings and waste rock disposal facility, an access road to the site, load out facilities in the Port of Stewart and a transmission line from Meziadin Junction to the site. The estimated mine life is fifteen years based on current reserves. The mine site is located on a plateau between Ealue and Kluea Lakes approximately 18 km southeast of the Village of Iskut and 80 km south of Dease Lake.

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Stewart Public Library Stewart Secondary School Ninth Street (604) 636-2380	Vancouver Public Library * 350 West Georgia St. (604) 331-3600	

(* Denotes a new Satellite Repository location)

Project review documentation including; public and government agency submissions or comments, technical reports, and Project Review Committee documents, will be available for public access at:

The Environmental Assessment Project Registry
1st Floor, 836 Yates Street,
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4
Phone: (604) 356-7441 **Fax:** (604) 356-7440
Email: eaoinfo@galaxy.gov.bc.ca

Comments on the application for this Environmental Assessment review should be forwarded by **January 16, 1996** to;

Leslie Hildebrandt
Project Committee Chair
Red Chris Mine Project Committee
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2nd Floor, 836 Yates Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4
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Questions or comments on the Project Registry or Public Access to Project Review Documentation can be sent to myself at the address or email listed on the first page.

Sincerely,



Troy Yanulik
Registry Clerk
Environmental Assessment Office
Project Registry

cc: Leslie Hildebrandt



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November 18, 1998

Mr. Charles H. Wills
President
American Bullion Minerals Ltd.
Suite 975, 625 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 2T6

Dear Mr. Wills:

I wish to congratulate you on the exciting progress that your company has made in advancing the Red Chris copper-gold property towards a positive production decision. As Minister of Energy and Mines, I have been impressed by the innovations that American Bullion has identified to improve the project's economic feasibility and see that work as an example of how "mines are made - not found". Similarly, as the Minister Responsible for Northern Development, I am aware of the significant contribution that the successful development of the mine could make to the economy of Northwestern British Columbia and the Province as a whole.

It is with that in mind that I have requested that my Deputy Minister, Mr. Jack Ebbels, work with American Bullion to identify the salient issues within provincial jurisdiction that are of concern to the company. The objective will be to provide the company with clear understandings of the Province's expectations and responsibilities and thereby facilitate project development. The outcome of these discussions may be a letter of undertaking which will address such issues as provision of electricity to the project, development of project infrastructure, environmental review requirements, First Nations considerations, and such other matters as are identified.

I trust that this will be satisfactory and look forward to further project developments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Miller".

Dan Miller
Minister

**Minister of Energy and Mines
and Minister Responsible
for Northern Development**

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