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Dear Jim:

**Re: CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING, METALLURGY AND PETROLEUM  
(CIM) - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Vancouver, B.C., April 28-May 1, 2002**

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the **Geological Society** of CIM, to invite you (and possible co-authors) to present a paper on the geology and mineralization at the **Eskay Creek** mine at next year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CIM in Vancouver. The specific date would be **Wednesday, May 1, 2002**. As you probably know, the AGM comes to Vancouver about once in every **seven** years, so it represents a great opportunity for you and your company to 'profile' the important recent mining and exploration accomplishments/successes that Homestake is having at the mine. I will leave the title of your presentation up to you. I would very much appreciate confirmation of your presentation **at your earliest convenience**. I will require an Abstract by sometime in late November, in order to meet publication deadlines (maybe I can buy us a few more weeks?).

I thank you in advance for your attention and hopefully - your commitment.

P.S. Sorry I missed you during my recent visit to the mine on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>; Earl and Ian provided us with excellent updates. I appreciate the impending Barrick merger; hopefully, it won't have any impact in your ability to participate.

Cc: Garry Biles, General Manager  
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Yours sincerely,

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