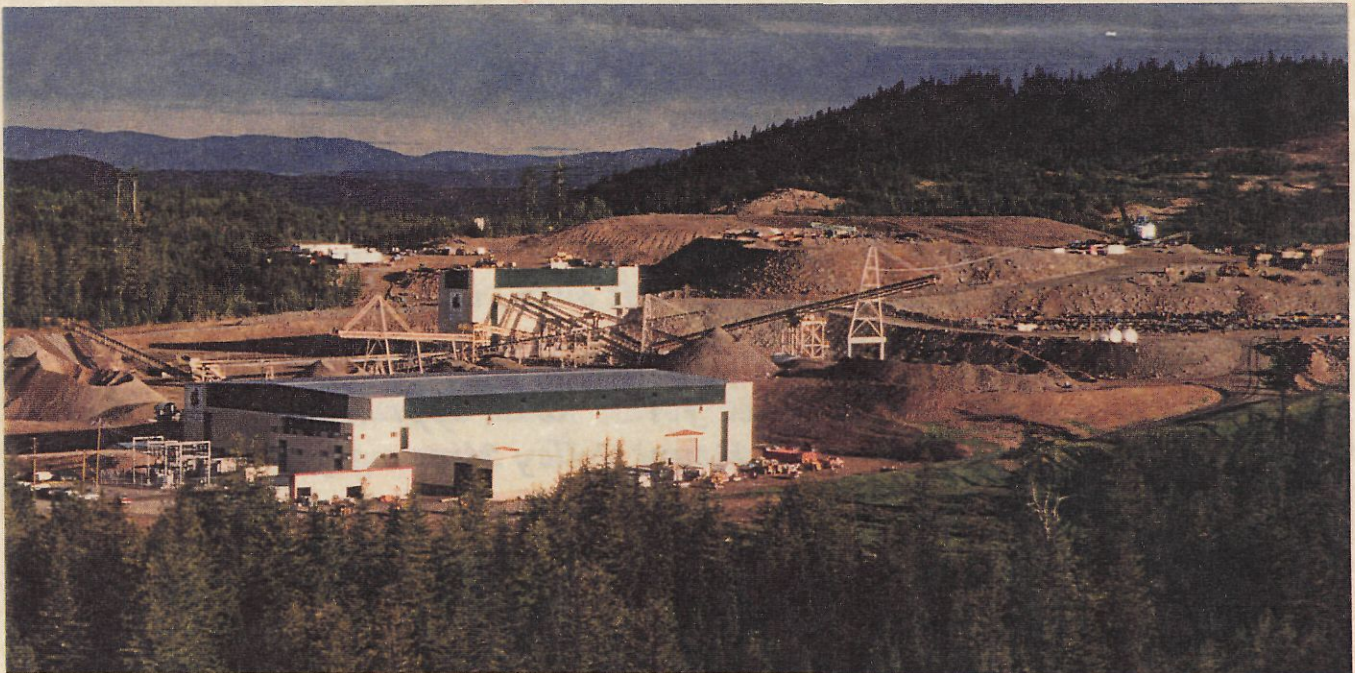


to join
Imperial Metals Corporation
&
SC Minerals Canada Limited
at the grand opening
of the
MOUNT POLLEY MINE

Tom Schwartz

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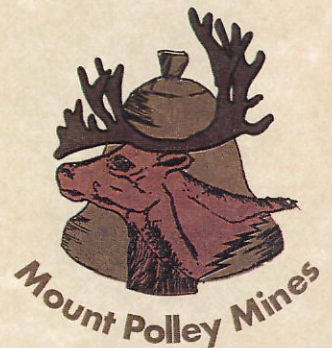
Date: Saturday, September 13, 1997

Place: Mount Polley Mine*, Likely, B.C. (*Directions on reverse)

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am (Tours)
11:00am - 12:00noon (Opening Ceremonies)
12:00pm - 1:00pm (Lunch)

Dress: Casual

RSVP: Kristina Kalmet at (604) 687-7444,
by Friday, August 25, 1997



We look forward to celebrating the grand opening with you!

You are cordially invited

***Directions:**

- *From 150 Mile House, travel north on Horsefly Road for approx. 3km and then turn left onto Likely Road.*
- *Drive for 60km (past Big Lake & Morehead Lake).*
- *Turn right onto Bootjack Forest Road, approx. 1km beyond Morehead Lake, at the Mount Polley Mine signpost.*
- *Follow the road to the end (11km of good quality gravel).*

IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION

August 13, 1997

Tom Schroeter
Ministry of Employment & Investment
Rm. 301 - 865 Hornby Street
Vancouver, B.C.
V6Z 2G3

Dear Mr. Schroeter:

Re: Mount Polley Mine - Grand Opening (Saturday, September 13, 1997)

Further to the enclosed invitation to the Grand Opening of Imperial Metals Corporation's Mount Polley Gold/Copper Mine, near Williams Lake, B.C. (Saturday, September 13, 1997), I would like to extend my personal invitation for you to attend the opening ceremonies. Please note that, if you are interested, Imperial Metals could arrange transportation from Vancouver to Williams Lake for the day. Please contact Kristina Kalmet (604-687-7444), as soon as possible, if you are interested.

We are excited about the opening of Mount Polley, "*B.C.'s newest mine*", and sincerely hope that you will be able to join Imperial Metals Corporation and SC Minerals Canada Limited at the ceremonies.

Yours truly,

IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION



Brian Kynoch
Senior Vice President & C.O.O.

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Brian Kynoch
Senior Vice President & C.O.O.
Imperial Metals Corporation
Suite 420-355 Burrard Street
Vancouver, B.C.
V6C2G8

August 19, 1997

Dear Brian:

Re: Moun? Polley Mine - Grand Opening (Sat. Sept. 13, 1997)

Thank you for the very kind invitation to join Imperial Metals Corporation and SC Minerals Canada Limited for the opening of "B.C.'s newest mine". I certainly will attend (already confirmed with Kristina), and very much look forward to the event. Congratulations to you and all the TEAM that made this happen! See you on the 13th.

Yours sincerely,

Tom G. Schroeter, P.Eng.
Senior Regional Geologist



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MOUNT POLLEY MINE OFFICIALLY OPENS, BRINGS 170 NEW JOBS

VICTORIA.—British Columbia's newest mine will be officially opened tomorrow by Employment and Investment Minister Dan Miller and Cariboo South MLA David Zirnhelt.

"The opening of the Mount Polley copper and gold mine represents an investment of \$115 million and the direct creation of more than 170 jobs for British Columbians," said Miller. "That's in addition to the 14,000 British Columbians who are already directly employed, with decent-paying, family-supporting jobs, in the mining industry.

"British Columbia's abundant mineral resources and skilled workforce, along with private-sector investment, have led to the development of Mount Polley mine," he added. "Mount Polley is one of five major mine projects slated to open between now and 1998. The last time the industry experienced such activity was in the 1970s."

Zirnhelt noted that many of Mount Polley's 170 employees are local residents. "Along with people who were employed to build the mine, these employees will take their wages into Likely, Williams Lake and other local communities, bringing positive spin-offs for area businesses," he said. "When you consider that the mine's life is estimated to be at least 14 years, that represents good news for the local economy and good news for the Cariboo."

Located approximately 56 km northeast of Williams Lake, the Mount Polley open-pit copper and gold mine is a joint venture of the Imperial Metals and Sumitomo corporations; Imperial Metals owns 55 per cent of the project, and Sumitomo the remainder. The mine, which was completed in June, is expected to process approximately 18,000 tonnes of ore per day, using conventional milling facilities.

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The opening of Mount Polley means there are now 30 operating mines in British Columbia. Six major mine projects are under active review in the province's environmental assessment process.

Last year, the mining industry accounted for nearly 10 per cent of all B.C. exports, and produced minerals worth more than \$3 billion.

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