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By Mail and Facsimile

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RE: Approval of the "DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Report"
dated November 2007

Dear Mr. Kulas:

The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) within the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), its term contractor Oasis Environmental, and its subcontractor Ecology & Environment have reviewed the November 2007 "DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Report" submitted by your consultant, Exponent. DEC received the revised report on November 19, 2007 for our final review and posting on our Contaminated Sites Program webpage.

Previously, DEC had provided you comments on September 8, 2005 on the "Draft DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment Report" dated April 2005. These 500 plus comments included comments from DEC as well as those by various stakeholders such as the National Park Service (NPS) who had provided comments when we issued public notice and held a 45-day public comment period for the draft document. These comments are also posted on our webpage. Between September 8, 2005 and June 28, 2007, DEC and Teck Cominco discussed the comments and information to satisfactorily address each of the comments. Throughout that time period, many of the comments were satisfactorily addressed. After the majority of comments had been addressed with satisfactory responses, DEC and Teck Cominco entered into Comment Resolution to resolve the remaining comments. During Comment Resolution, to facilitate a more timely review, a revised document with redline/strikeout changes showing was made available by Teck Cominco via web meetings for DEC and its contractor to review and provide further comments. Upon satisfactory completion of review and revisions to the redline/strikeout document, on October 30, 2007 we requested that Teck Cominco finalize the risk assessment document. On November 19, 2007, Exponent provided the revised risk assessment report to DEC for our final review. DEC posted the report on our webpage to allow for public review. On November 20, Exponent provided several corrected figures, which we replaced in the previously submitted document on our webpage.

Upon review of the document provided on November 19 and 20, 2007, DEC approves of the final risk assessment report. As we have discussed, DEC is requesting that Teck Cominco provide to DEC a risk management plan to address risks to ecological receptors that were identified in the report. The report did not identify any current risk to humans. We also understand that Teck Cominco will be

coordinating with various stakeholders on the development of the plan. While we understand that this may require a number of meetings with the various stakeholders, DEC is requesting that a draft of the management plan be provided to us by June 2008.

The draft and final risk assessment reports, as well as public comments on the draft risk assessment report and other reports, can be found on our webpage at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm>

In addition to these reports, within the next month we will be posting a Responsiveness Summary of our review of comments provided by the various stakeholders regarding the draft risk assessment report.

Lastly, please provide DEC with two hard copies of the final report for our files.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-269-7578.

Sincerely,

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