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Note From Meeting - October 13, 1995

RE: Meeting with Environment Canada - To update us on Arsenic Regulations

Attendance:

John Stard - Mine Manager
Dave Anthony - Manager Env. Affairs - NWT
Erik Madsen - Superintendent Env. Services - NWT
Phil MacIntyre - Mill Superintendent

Laura Johnstone - Regional Manager Environment Canada - Yellowknife
Ed Collins - Environmental Engineer Environment Canada - Yellowknife

Meeting was requested by Environment Canada to update Royal Oak on the status of arsenic regulations. Environment Canada has formed a Regulatory Team (hired a consultant) to conduct a "Regulatory Impact Analysis".

This analysis will review all technical information from all stakeholders - including the socioeconomic benefits/drawbacks. A technical background paper will be completed by the end of January with possibly public hearing held afterwards. This may now delay the time process for the implementation of Regulations by 6 - 12 months.

Basically, Environment Canada must prove that the benefits of having a Regulation outweigh the costs of implementing them. In this day and age of gov't cut backs everything must be reviewed. Environment Canada is reluctant to have site-specific Regulations - would rather have them for all of Canada. The Roaster emissions from Giant are considered site-specific. If they decide to implement Canada wide Regulations they will have to consult with all jurisdictions and this would take a longer period of time.

Should Regulations be decided upon, one would expect a transitional period of say two (2) - four (4) years for grandfathered operations (such as Giant) - this was the case when pulp and paper Regulations came into effect.

In the mean time Environment Canada has requested that we provide them with information which could be used by this group when they conduct the analysis. They have requested this information by November 13, 1995 or earlier if possible.



Erik Madsen
October 18, 1995

c.c. J. Stard, L. Connell