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Mr. Ed Collins
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Re: REVIEW OF REPORT PREPARED BY W.R. HATCH ENGINEERING

Royal Oak Mines Inc appreciates the opportunity to review this very informative document, Hatch Engineering should be commended in preparing this report. Royal Oak does not foresee the requirement that certain information on the Giant Mine remain confidential. However, in reviewing the document there were a couple areas that required attention:

- 1) On Page 56, there is an error in the length of the filtration bags, it should read 127 inches and not 120; and
- 2) There is some concern that the capital costs for gas cleaning options, which include stack liners, do not include any allowances for downtime required for installation, which could be very extensive.

We trust these concerns/suggestions are of some assistance when editing is done prior to the release of this document. Should there be any questions in regards to the above please contact Mr. John Stard - Mine Manager at 669-3701 or Mr. Phil MacIntyre - Mill Superintendent at 669-3730.

Sincerely,

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