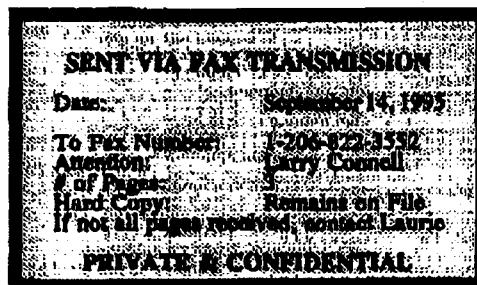


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Attention: Larry Connell

Dear Sirs:

RE: Stephen Petersen
Appeal to WCB Appeals Tribunal
Our File No. 95-750-GM

We are acting for Royal Oak Mines Inc. in respect of the appeal by its employee, Stephen Petersen, to the Workers' Compensation Board Appeals Tribunal. Mr. Petersen claims that his paralysis is a result of either a cyanide or carbon spill which occurred at the Giant Mine TRP on July 1, 1988. Mr. Petersen became paralysed the day after the spill occurred.

Originally, Mr. Petersen pointed to cyanide as the cause of his paralysis. He now seems to be pointing at the arsenic in the tailings solution with which the carbon was mixed.

Mr. Petersen's claim has been rejected at two levels by the WCB. He is now at his final stage of appeal. I am enclosing, for your information and background, a copy of the June 25, 1988 decision of the WCB Review Committee.

I am contacting you on the advice of Dave Power and Phil McIntyre for the following reason. Mr. Petersen now claims that his condition (known as "transverse myelitis") was caused by the arsenic in the carbon slurry. He has attempted to obtain analysis of the tailings pond effluent from Royal Oak Mines Inc. at the time of the accident; however, the Mine was unable to locate anything to assist him.

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He has obtained some documents from the Northwest Territories Water Board which he has submitted to the WCB. Copies of the following documents are included with the couriered version of this correspondence:

- (a) Memo from B. C. Cross to K. Blower dated October 20, 1987 Re: Water Board Information Request of October 1, 1987;
- (b) Appendix 1: Whole Rock Multi-Component Analysis Data on Giant Yellowknife Ore and Host Rock;
- (c) Appendix 2: Northwest Pond Predicted Storage and Effluent Treatment;
- (d) Appendix 3: C.I.L. Tailings Solution Analysis;
- (e) Appendix 4: Effluent Treatment Chemical Requirement;
- (f) Appendix 5: Effluent Quality Calculations;
- (g) *Acute Arsenic Intoxication Presenting as Guillain-Barré-Like Syndrome*, Muscle & Nerve, February 1987;
- (h) Arsenic;
- (i) CESARS search on arsenic and arsenic compounds;
- (j) Letter from Steve Petersen to J. Stard, Mine Manager dated July 31, 1995;
- (k) Letter from Steve Petersen to Marianne Hook, WCB Appeals Tribunal dated August 1, 1995.
- (l) Letter from Steve Petersen to WCB Appeals Tribunal dated August 7, 1995; and
- (m) Letter from Brian O'Hearn to Lance Flewelling dated June 9, 1995.

Would you kindly evaluate these documents with a view to:

- (a) identifying anything which may be inaccurate or misleading; and
- (b) identifying anything which may assist Mr. Petersen in connecting the carbon spill to his paralysis; and
- (c) providing me with any further information which would negate such a connection.

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My reading of the evidence presented to the WCB to date indicates that there is medical evidence to support Mr. Petersen's assertion; however, I would appreciate your assistance. The hearing that was scheduled for September 11 & 12, 1995, has been adjourned and a new date has not been set. I would appreciate your advice and comments at your convenience.

Yours truly,

PETERSON, SCHULER & HUDSON


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Encl.

c.c. **Royal Oak Mines Inc.**
Attention: Dave Power
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