



December 7, 2014

Dr. Norbert Morgenstern, Chair
Mount Polley Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review Panel
940 Blanshard Street, Suite 5B Victoria, BC, V8W 3E6

Submitted via www.mountpolleyreviewpanel.ca

Also sent to the Secretariat to the Review Panel at kevin.richter@gov.bc.ca

Dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Re: Written Submission to the Mount Polley Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review Panel

On behalf of the Association for Mineral Exploration BC (AME BC), I thank you for the email sent by Mr. Kevin Richter, Secretariat to the Review Panel, with your letter dated November 6, 2014 inviting AME BC to provide comments relating to the investigation into the breach of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley Mine on August 4, 2014.

I understand that the Review Panel is currently in the process of conducting its investigation as defined by its Terms of Reference and that the scope of the Review Panel's investigation is narrowly focused and it will be thorough, unbiased and professional. I also understand that the Review Panel will release a Report on its findings to the provincial government, the Soda Creek Indian Band and the Williams Lake Indian Band by January 31, 2015.

AME BC looks forward to reviewing the Report from the Review Panel. It is critically important that we share information and make public the science-based findings and facts as they are discovered. While the environmental concerns need to be properly addressed, now is certainly not the time for anyone to speculate recklessly or seek an opportunity to suggest immediate changes to public policy based on misinformation, incomplete data or fears.

I have every confidence that local communities, industry, First Nations and government will learn from this serious incident and will work diligently to prevent something like it from happening again in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin C. Dirom', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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