



**MOUNT POLLEY MINING  
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A DIVISION OF IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION

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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

**RE: Tailings Storage Facility – Stage 7A (2011 Construction)**

As required under Section 10 of the Mines Act, please find attached a digital copy of an application to amend our M-200 permit to include a 2.5m raise on the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) embankment. A hard copy will be mailed to you with notification sent out at that time.

This 2.5m raise represents the build on the existing TSF required to maintain the freeboard allowances for material projected to be contained within the dam through next winter. Mount Polley typically constructs the tailings dam in annual stages, and our 2.5m raise is one of the smallest in recent years.

This application is based on documents prepared by AMEC Earth and Environmental Limited (AMEC), the engineer of record retained by Mount Polley Mining Corporation (MPMC). As you are aware, AMEC has replaced Knight Piésold Limited (KP) as engineer of record for the TSF Facility at Mount Polley (as of January 28, 2011). As documented in their construction package, AMEC has verified the design and construction of the TSF to date (previously under KP), and has proposed a 2011 construction program reflecting historic design (the construction materials and methodology continues that used in completion of the 4.0m raise in 2010) and satisfying Canadian Dam Association Guidelines. AMEC will be updating the ultimate dam design and will make instrumentation recommendations in the coming year, and a formal submission of their findings will be circulated to the appropriate Ministry contacts for review at that time.

Our construction schedule assumes permitting as of May 15, 2011; if I can suggest, Mr. Chris Carr is quite familiar with the project, and if you should forward him a copy of MPMC's 2010 Annual Inspection report that was recently sent to your office, he should have all the information necessary to issue the amendment.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 790-2215 ext. 200 or Ron Martel at ext. 409.

Sincerely,

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