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2.6 CLOSURE PLAN

At closure of the Tailings Storage Facility, it is currently envisaged that the tailings surface will be decommissioned so as to develop a mixed forested/wetlands complex with a gradual transition towards a ponded area at the final spillway. This would require covering of the tailings embankments and the upland portions of the exposed tailings beach with a layer of soil stockpiled during operations. The topsoil would be revegetated with indigenous species of conifer and deciduous trees, willow and marsh land grasses. Ultimately, all water would be routed over the tailings surface, through the wetlands and the final spillway.

Pipework for the tailings and reclaim systems will systematically be removed once all water quality and pit flooding requirements are met. Similarly, the seepage collection ponds and recycle pumps would be retained until monitoring results indicate that drainage flows and seepage from the tailings area are of suitable quality for direct release to the environment. At that time, the seepage collection ponds could be decommissioned and the pumps removed. The groundwater monitoring wells and piezometers in the tailings embankment would be retained for use as long term monitoring devices. On-going monitoring of all reclamation measures will be carried out post closure, to confirm that the reclamation objectives are being achieved and sustained.

TABLE 1.1

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TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PERSONNEL AND RESPONSIBILITIES LIST

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Spigoted tailings settle in the tailings facility and form beaches with three distinct slopes. A sandy beach develops as the coarser tailings fraction settles more rapidly adjacent to the embankment. The average beach slope above water is about 0.5 percent. As the tailings flow into the supernatant pond it forms a submerged beach with a slope of 1 to 2 percent. Finer tailings particles are transported further out into the supernatant pond before settling at a slope of about 0.3 percent. The latest bathymetric survey of the tailings surface in the TSF is included in Figure 2.2.

2.6 CLOSURE PLAN

At closure of the Tailings Storage Facility, it is currently envisaged that the tailings surface will be decommissioned so as to develop a mixed forested/wetlands complex with a gradual transition towards a ponded area at the final spillway. This would require covering of the tailings embankments and the upland portions of the exposed tailings beach with a layer of soil stockpiled during operations. The topsoil would be revegetated with indigenous species of conifer and deciduous trees, willow and marsh land grasses. Ultimately, all water would be routed over the tailings surface, through the wetlands and the final spillway.

Pipework for the tailings and reclaim systems will systematically be removed once all water quality and pit flooding requirements are met. Similarly, the seepage collection ponds and recycle pumps would be retained until monitoring results indicate that drainage flows and seepage from the tailings area are of suitable quality for direct release to the environment. At that time, the seepage collection ponds could be decommissioned and the pumps removed. The groundwater monitoring wells and piezometers in the tailings embankment would be retained for use as long term monitoring devices. On-going monitoring of all reclamation measures will be carried out post closure, to confirm that the reclamation objectives are being achieved and sustained.

SECTION 3.0 - OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE AND SURVEILLANCE

3.1 GENERAL

The Tailings Storage Facility is comprised of several components and associated facilities. These components and facilities must be inspected and maintained regularly to ensure that any changes to the TSF conditions, performance, or a potentially hazardous condition can be identified and promptly addressed. Selected photographs of the TSF and associated components are included in Appendix E. An inspection and surveillance schedule is provided on Table 3.1.

The Mill Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that surveillance is carried out regularly. The Mill Superintendent is responsible for daily management of the TSF and directs an operating crew to carry out routine activities. A list of site personnel and associated responsibilities are provided on Table 1.1.

The Environmental Superintendent will conduct a Dam Surveillance walkover at least once per quarter. All Dam Surveillance reports should be reviewed by the Mill Superintendent and filed at the Mount Polley Mine Site.

Additional (non-routine), documented walkovers of the TSF and associated facilities will be required following extreme or unusual events. The Mill Superintendent must be made aware of any unusual events or observations, and must contact the Design Engineer as required. Typical examples of unusual events and observations to be made during such walkovers are outlined in Table 3.2.

An inspection log is provided in Appendix B to help guide the observation and surveillance process. The inspection log covers major items related the TSF and associated facilities. Additional details are provided in the following sections.

3.2 TAILINGS BASIN

The projected rate at which the tailings basin will fill, combined with storage provisions for make-up and storm water, determine the rate of rise for the embankment. The anticipated filling schedule and staged construction sequence is shown on Figure 3.1.

Close monitoring of the pond elevation, depth, area and volume is important for the following reasons:

- To ensure that there is a sufficient volume of water available as make-up water while the pond is frozen and precipitation is at a minimum.
- To enable monitoring of the supernatant pond depth/area/volume so that tailings characteristics such as dry density can be determined.
- To monitor water recoveries.
- To enable the correlation of the pond level with other data, such as the piezometer pressures and drain flow quantities.

Adjustments to the basin filling curve may be required due to variation between actual and projected mill throughput rates, tailings deposition characteristics, water inputs and outputs and in-situ tailings density. Adjustments to these variables will change the rate of rise for the tailings and embankments.

The TSF was previously operated under a water deficient condition, which means more process water was needed than available in the supernatant pond. This condition changed once the mill starts up again in February 2005 and the mine will be operating under surplus conditions, which means there is more water in the system than is required. Therefore, a combination of careful water management and tailings deposition is required to maximize the storage potential in the embankment without compromising the freeboard or embankment stability.

3.3 TAILINGS POND

3.3.1 Pond Level Operations

The TSF is required to have sufficient live storage capacity for containment of 679,000 cubic meters of runoff from the entire contributing catchment area during a 24-hour PMP event. This volume of stormwater would result in an incremental rise in the tailings pond level of approximately 0.39 meters. The TSF design also incorporates an allowance of 1 metre of freeboard for wave run-up. Therefore, the normal and maximum operating pond levels are as follows:

- Normal Operating Level Water level at least 1.39 meters below the embankment crest;
- Maximum Operating Level Water level is 1 meter below the embankment crest, which also means the loss of storage capacity for a 24-hour PMP event.

Tailings deposition will cease if the pond level reaches maximum operating level and the removal of water from the pond will commence using the reclaim barge. The area downstream of the dam will also be evacuated and access restricted as per the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

There are no restrictions, with respect to dam safety on the rate of filling of the supernatant pond up to the normal operating pond level or rate of emergency draw down within the pond.

3.3.2 Surveillance

The pond level must be at least 1.39 meters below the crest elevation under normal operating conditions. Emergency procedures, discussed in Section 5.0, must be followed if the pond reaches the maximum operating level. Regular inspections of the pond level must be carried out according to the schedule outlined in Table 3.1. An inspection log is provided in Appendix B.

Additional pond level inspections are required after an unusual event. Table 3.2 outlines the additional observations that will need to be documented.

3.4 TAILINGS EMBANKMENT

3.4.1 Components

The tailings embankment consists of the Main, Perimeter and South Embankments. The embankments are constructed using zoned earthfill and rockfill and have been raised in stages by a combination of centreline and modified centreline approaches. Details of the design and construction are reported in various Knight Piésold reports and are referenced in Appendix A.

An upstream toe drain on the Main embankment allows for the controlled removal of process water from the upstream face of the embankment. Foundation and chimney drains are also included in the embankments to prevent build-up of excess pore pressures beneath the embankment and to transfer groundwater and/or seepage to the seepage collection ponds located at the downstream toe of the Main and Perimeter Embankments.

Monitoring sumps are located at the downstream toe of the Main and Perimeter Embankments. They are used to facilitate monitoring of flow rates and water clarity from the embankment drains and diversion channels.

3.4.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

Regular surveillance of the embankments and associated structures should follow the schedule outlined in Table 3.1. An inspection log is provided in Appendix B. Typical observations to be made during surveillance include:

- Evidence indicating dam structure deformation (e.g. slope bulging, tension cracks on the crest or crest settlement);
- Evidence indicating seepage, runoff or erosion;
- Clarity and quantity (visual estimate) of seepage water entering the seepage collection sumps;
- Possible evidence indicating piping downstream of the embankments;
- Other unusual conditions in the TSF area.

The embankment and associated structures do not require regular maintenance; however, specific maintenance items may be identified as a result of regular observations and surveillance of the embankment.

Table 3.2 outlines additional observations that will need to be documented after any unusual event.

3.5 TAILINGS DISCHARGE PIPELINE

3.5.1 Components and Operation

Tailings slurry is conveyed from the Concentrator through approximately 7000 metres of HDPE pipe to the TSF where it is discharged through a series of spigots along the embankment crest. The pipeline includes the following components:

- A 556 mm diameter DR 17 HDPE pipe from the Concentrator to the T2 Dropbox;
- A 610 mm diameter DR 15.5 HDPE pipe from the T2 Dropbox to the TSF;
- Two short sections of 762 mm diameter DR 15.5 HDPE pipe are included at the start of the two pipeline sections at the Concentrator and the T2 Dropbox to ensure that flows are not restricted at the inlet;
- The T2 Dropbox;
- Moveable discharge section;
- A Dump Valve at the start of the Perimeter Embankment.

The tailings pipeline is located on the shoulder of the access road from the mine. Tailings slurry is gravity fed to the TSF through the tailings pipeline. The tailings pipeline has a variable downhill slope that ranges from 0.5% to 8.0% which ensures drainage.

The T2 Dropbox is located approximately mid-way along the pipeline and allows for the addition of runoff from the Southeast Sediment Pond into the tailings stream. It also serves as an overflow for the reclaim booster sump.

A 200 metre long discharge section connected with six spigots (150 mm diameter) is used to control deposition of tailings over the tailings beach in the TSF. The discharge section can be installed in different locations along the pipeline to facilitate even distribution of tailings onto the beaches. A dump valve is located at the start of the Perimeter Embankment to allow discharge of tailings during relocation of the discharge section.

The tailings discharge pipeline does not require any external adjustments during normal operations. The discharge pipeline will drain by gravity to the TSF in the event of a mill shutdown or power failure. However, the following points must be remembered during operation of the pipeline:

- Never leave all valves closed along the tailings discharge pipeline as they may be permanently blocked from sanding or suffer damages from excessively high pressures;
- Ensure that there is an open pathway for tailings to exit before the pipeline is filled or the spigots are relocated;
- Flush the pipeline prior to shutdown or relocation.

The T2 Dropbox does not require any external adjustments during normal operations. During a mill shutdown or during freezing conditions the valve between the Southeast Sediment Pond and the T2 Dropbox must be open in order to prevent water from filling up the Reclaim Booster Sump when the pumps are not operating.

3.5.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

The tailings discharge pipeline will be inspected and maintained regularly to ensure that the system operates properly. Table 3.1 provides a schedule for regular surveillance of the pipeline. An inspection log is provided in Appendix B. Typical observations to be made during surveillance include:

- Locations of excessive wear of the pipeline;
- Evidence indicating leakage from the pipeline;
- The water level in the T2 Dropbox to ensure that there is no blockage in the discharge pipeline downstream;
- Ensure that the valve between the Dropbox and Southeast Sediment Pond is open during a mill shutdown or freezing conditions when the booster pump is shut off.

Additional inspections are required after an unusual event. Table 3.2 outlines additional observations that will need to be documented. Repairs to the discharge pipeline, dropbox and/or discharge sections may be required after any unusual event.

3.6 RECLAIM PIPELINE

3.6.1 Components and Operation

Reclaim water is pumped from the Tailings Storage Facility for re-use at the Mill site. The reclaim pipeline includes the following components:

- Floating Reclaim Pump Barge;
- A 610 mm diameter steel pipe connecting the barge to the reclaim line;
- Booster Pump Station beside the T2 Dropbox;
- A 610 mm diameter HDPE pipe from the steel pipe to the Booster Pump Station;
- A 610 mm diameter HDPE pipe from the Booster Pump Station and the Mill site;

The floating reclaim pump barge is located in the TSF in an excavated channel. The barge is accessible from land along an access walkway. The floating reclaim pump barge was designed by others. Refer to the manufacturer's manual for details related to operations, inspections and maintenance.

The reclaim pipeline is located beside the tailings pipeline on the shoulder of the access road. The pressure rating of the HDPE pipeline decreases as it approaches the Booster Pump Station and Mill site.

The Booster Pump Station is located mid-way along the reclaim pipeline, beside the T2 Dropbox. A valve located on the pipeline leading in from the Southeast Sediment Pond may be used to divert water into the reclaim pipeline. Water from the Southeast Sediment Pond can be diverted into the reclaim pipeline only if it is clear. Two overflow pipes connect the sump beneath the pump station to the T2 Dropbox to ensure water will not overflow in the pump station sump.

The reclaim pipeline does not require any external adjustments during normal operations. However, during maintenance periods, barge relocation or during a prolonged shutdown under extreme cold conditions the reclaim system should be drained via a drain valve located on the barge.

The Pump Barge and Booster Pump Station may be operated from the Mill control room. Both pumps may also be operated locally from the barge or pump station to provide water as required at the Mill site.

3.6.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

The reclaim pipeline, pump barge and booster pump station shall be inspected according to the schedule outlined in Table 3.1 and an inspection log completed as provided in Appendix B. Typical areas to inspect during surveillance of the reclaim pipeline include:

- Locations of excessive wear of the pipeline;
- Evidence indicating leakage from the pipeline;
- Monitor Pond and Barge elevations to ensure that a gradient is maintained in the steel pipe. The barge ramp may need to be relocated higher;
- The de-icing system for the pump barge should be checked to ensure that it is working prior to freezing conditions.
- Monitor water from the Southeast Sediment Pond to ensure that it's clear before diverting it to the reclaim line;

Additional inspections are required after any unusual event. Table 3.2 outlines additional observations that will need to be documented. Repairs to the reclaim pipeline, barge and/or pump station may be required after any unusual event.

3.7 SEDIMENT PONDS

3.7.1 Components and Operation

A series of diversion ditches divert runoff to two collection ponds where the water is then directed to the TSF or pumped back to the Mill site. The two ponds are the Mill Site Sump and the Southeast Sediment Pond.

The Mill Site Sump is located south of the Concentrator Building. Runoff water from the Mill Site area is collected along diversion ditches and directed to the sump. The water

collected in the sump is either pumped back to the mill or allowed to flow by gravity to an inlet point (T1) on the tailings pipeline. The normal operating level is the invert of the bottom inlet at the manhole (El. 1102.7 metres). The water level is kept at this low level so that storage capacity for the design storm event is available in the sump. Discharge from the manhole is conveyed to the reclaim line in an 8 inch (200 mm) HDPE pipeline. The pipeline is buried through the Millsite area and runs in the pipe containment channel, where it is connected to the 22 inch DR17 HDPE tailings line via a prefabricated Tee in a section of the pipeline that flows by gravity (non-pressurized flow). Currently, water is pumped into the reclaim line immediately adjacent to the Millsite Sump. The water level is maintained at the bottom inlet on the manhole at all times.

The Southeast Sediment Pond is located south of the waste rock storage area. Runoff water from the waste rock dump is collected along diversion ditches at the toe and directed to the pond. Water is decanted through a manhole which has four valved inlet pipes which can be used to control the water level in the sediment pond. The normal operating level is the invert of the second inlet at the manhole (El. 1054.5 metres). The water shall not be permitted to rise above this so that storage capacity for the design storm event is available in the pond. A 10 inch (250 mm) DR21 HDPE discharge pipeline runs from the manhole to the reclaim booster sump. By using manually operated valves at the sump, the water can be directed to the sump, if sufficiently clear, or into the T2 Dropbox.

3.7.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

The Mill Site Sump and Southeast Sediment Pond shall be inspected according to the schedule outlined in Table 3.1 and an inspection log completed as provided in Appendix B. Typical observations to be made during surveillance include:

- Water levels in the Mill Site Sump and Southeast Sediment Pond;
- Evidence indicating leakage from the pipelines;
- Erosion in the collection ditches;
- Evidence indicating slope deformation or erosion (i.e. tension cracks at the crest, erosion channels, bulging at the toe);
- Evidence indicating seepage out of the ponds.

The sediment ponds do not require regular maintenance; however, specific maintenance items may be identified during regular surveillance of the ponds.

Table 3.2 outlines additional observations that will need to be documented after any unusual event.

3.8 SEEPAGE COLLECTION PONDS

3.8.1 Components and Operation

The Main and Perimeter Seepage Collection Ponds are located at the downstream toe of the Main and Perimeter Embankments respectively. The ponds collect drainage water from the toe and foundation embankment drains as well as from local runoff.

A corrugated steel pipe connects each pond to a seepage recycle sump where recycle pumps are located. The pumps will recycle the seepage water back into the TSF through 6" diameter HDPE pipes that extend over the embankment crest. Level sensors in the seepage recycle sump controls the pumping frequency.

The seepage collection ponds and recycle pumps generally operate without requiring any external adjustments. However, the following special circumstances require adjustments to the operating procedures:

- During spring freshet, the pumps may not be able to keep up with the high inflows. All diversion ditches that feed the ponds may need to be directed away. Also, if water quality and permits allow, discharge of water may be possible.
- Under freezing conditions, the pumps are operated on a timed pumping cycle based on site conditions to prevent the pipes from freezing. The pumps will turn on and off based on the cycle time rather than water level. Once the temperatures return to normal the pumps can operate under normal conditions.

3.8.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

The seepage collection ponds and recycle pumps shall be inspected according to the schedule outlined in Table 3.1 and an inspection log completed as provided in Appendix B. Typical observations to be made during surveillance is as follows:

- Water levels in both collection ponds;
- Pumpback flow rates from both pumps;
- Evidence indicating seepage from the collection ponds;
- Evidence indicating erosion or instability on the slopes of the ponds
- The overflow culverts and pipelines between the monitoring sumps and recycle sumps are free of any obstructions;
- Ensure that the discharge end of the seepage recycle pipeline isn't submerged in tailings.

Additional observations will also be required under special circumstances as follows:

 Monitor the pumping from the ponds during freezing conditions to ensure that the pumping cycle is adequate at keeping the pipes from freezing and in keeping the pond level constant; Monitor the water quality in the ponds during spring freshet to ensure that the seepage water from the TSF is at acceptable levels if water permits allow for discharge.

Table 3.2 lists additional events and circumstances that will require increased observations and documentation.

3.9 INSTRUMENTATION

3.9.1 Components and Location

The tailings embankment and associated facilities were installed with various instrumentation to assist in monitoring the facility. The various components are as follows:

- Vibrating Wire Piezometers;
- Slope Inclinometers;
- Survey and Surface Movement Monuments;
- Groundwater Monitoring Wells.

The locations of the piezometers, slope inclinometers, and survey monuments are shown on the drawings located in Appendix D.

The piezometers measure the pore pressures in the foundation soils, embankment foundation drains and embankment fill. They are connected to instrumentation readout panels located on the crest of the embankments and read using a piezometer readout box. A summary of the existing vibrating wire piezometers is presented on Table 3.3 with trigger levels, which if exceeded, will require investigation and possible contingency or remedial actions. Data may be entered on the piezometer data sheet included in Appendix C. A summary of the piezometer data will be sent to Knight Piésold according to the schedule outlined on Table 3.1

Two slope inclinometers were installed at the toe of the Main Embankment in order to measure potential deformation of the embankment materials. Operational procedures for operation of the inclinometer probe and data reduction are provided in the manufacturer's instruction book. Readings are carried out manually and displacements are calculated using software from RST and spreadsheets set up by MPMC. The spreadsheets are updated on site and summaries will be sent to Knight Piésold regularly. A summary of the existing slope inclinometers is presented on Table 3.4 with trigger levels, which if exceeded, will require investigation and possible contingency or remedial actions.

Survey and surface movement monuments (to be installed) will be used to measure the vertical and lateral movement of the earthfill dams. Data is entered on the survey data sheet included in Appendix C. Trigger levels and the required appropriate actions are

summarized on Table 3.5. A summary of the results will be sent to Knight Piésold according to the schedule outlined on Table 3.1.

Groundwater monitoring wells are located around the perimeter of the TSF. MPMC regularly measures the water levels and water quality from each well and submits the reports to the appropriate agencies. The location of the groundwater monitoring wells is shown on Figure 3.2.

3.9.2 Surveillance and Maintenance

All instrumentation components must be read regularly. The monitoring frequency for each is outlined on the schedule in Table 3.1. Data may be entered on the appropriate sheets included in Appendix C.

Data must be collected, plotted and reported according to the schedule outlined in Table 3.1. The design engineer must be notified of any anomalous trends. Additional readings and inspections as outlined in Table 3.2 will also be required after any unusual event or observation.

Generally, the instruments do not require regular maintenance but may require occasional maintenance as follows:

- The piezometer wires may need to be cut and re-attached if the readout box is unable to acquire any data;
- Piezometer wires that are exposed may become corroded and may need to be trimmed until a fresh surface is exposed to allow readings to be taken;
- Cover survey points with 20 litre buckets to keep snow off in the winter months;
- Protect surface movement monuments with used tires. These monuments need to be re-established and protected again after construction of a new embankment lift.

SECTION 4.0 - SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND REVIEWS

4.1 ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Annual Inspections of the tailings impoundment and associated facilities are required to evaluate the current and past performance of the facility and to observe potential deficiencies in its condition, performance and/or operation. The Environmental Superintendent is responsible for arranging the inspections. This level of dam safety evaluation should be based on detailed observations made by the Design Engineer on site and the relevant information on the TSF operations collected by site personnel. Additional reviews may be required also as a follow up to the report of an unusual event or observation.

The Environmental Superintendent should accompany the Design Engineer during the annual inspection. The Design Engineer will evaluate the safety of the TSF and incorporate a routine review of the following:

- The consequences classification of the dam;
- The operations and maintenance manual;
- The availability of all documents pertaining to dam safety on site;
- The site surveillance practice;
- Changes in relevant regulatory requirements since the last inspection.

The Design Engineer will issue an annual inspection report after completing the review. The report will include the following:

- Conclusions on the status of the TSF;
- Statements indicating completion of recommendations from previous inspections and reviews;
- New recommendations if necessary.

The Mill Superintendent and the Ministry of Energy and Mines should review each annual inspection report. Copies of the reports should be made available on site and are available in the office of the Design Engineer. The Mill Superintendent should prepare and execute an appropriate action plan to ensure that all recommendations made in the annual inspection report are followed. This action plan should be documented.

4.2 DAM SAFETY REVIEW

The principle objective of a Dam Safety review (DSR) is to ascertain that a dam has an adequate margin of safety, based on the current engineering practice and updated design input data. A DSR may also be carried out to address a specific problem.

A qualified engineer will be responsible for conducting each DSR at the Tailings Storage Facility. The engineer conducting the DSR must be qualified to conduct safety evaluations and be familiar with the designs and other site-specific conditions and requirements pertaining to operations of

the impoundment and associated facilities; but ideally should not have been involved in the design, construction or operation of the TSF.

Routine DSR's at the TSF will be carried out every 5 years but this scheduling requirement should be confirmed or revised at the time of each annual inspection. The next DSR for the TSF is scheduled for 2006.

A detailed scope of work for each DSR will be defined by the engineer prior to conducting the review, and be consistent with current engineering practice at the time it is conducted. Each DSR will evaluate the safety of the TSF and incorporate a detailed review of the following:

- The consequences classification of the dam;
- The adequacy of past annual inspection practice, the annual inspection recommendations, and their implementation;
- The Operation and Maintenance Manual;
- Timing for the next regular DSR.

Each DSR report should include conclusions and, if necessary, recommendations pertaining to the safety of the TSF. Copies of the DSR will be sent to the Environmental Superintendent and the Ministry of Energy and Mines for review. Similar to the annual inspection report, an action plan should be prepared by the Mill Superintendent to address the DSR recommendations. A copy of each report will be sent to the Ministry of Energy and Mines and will also be available at the site and at the office of the Design Engineer.

SECTION 5.0 - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLANS

5.1 GENERAL

This Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan will enable MPMC to identify emergency and hazardous conditions threatening the TSF, expedite effective response actions to prevent failure, and reduce loss of life and property damage should failure occur.

In the event that MPMC is unable to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the permit, due to any cause, MPMC will:

- 1) Immediately notify the Ministry of Energy and Mines of the failure to comply.
- 2) Immediately take action to stop, contain, and clean up unauthorized discharges or otherwise stop the non-compliance, correct the problem, and if applicable, repeat sampling and analysis of any non-compliance immediately.
- 3) Submit a detailed written report to the Ministry of Energy and Mines within thirty (30) days (five days for upsets and bypasses), unless requested earlier by the Ministry of Energy and Mines. The report will contain a description of the non-compliance, including exact dates and times, if the non-compliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the non-compliance.

Copies of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan will be kept in the following locations:

- One (1) copy for Mount Polley Mining Corporation (Vancouver office),
- One (1) copy for the Environmental Superintendent's office.
- One (1) copy for the Office (near office radio and telephone).
- One (1) copy for the Operating Crew (Mill Shifter's Office),
- Three (3) copies for the Comptroller of Water Rights,
- One (1) copy for the Regional Water Manager (Williams Lake),
- Two (2) copies for the Director of the Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.),
- One (1) copy for the MOE, Dam Safety Engineer,
- One (1) copy for the MEM Geotechnical Manager,
- One (1) copy for the Design Engineer of Record.

5.2 WARNING SIGNS

Three levels of emergency conditions (or warning signs) can be identified with respect to the site operations. These are defined as follows:

Level 1

Unusual conditions that do not yet represent a potential emergency, but do require prompt investigation and resolution.

Level 2

Conditions that represent a potential emergency, if sustained or allowed to progress, but no emergency situation is imminent.

Level 3

An emergency defined by either failure of a significant component of the TSF and/or associated facility or a significant failure of the performance of a component of the TSF. Such failure may have already occurred, or be imminent.

Typical situations that would be classified under the three levels of emergency conditions (Level 1, 2 or 3) and the actions to be taken, are outlined in Table 5.1 and described below:

Level 1 Situation

The action in the event of a Level 1 Emergency Condition will typically involve an investigation, intensified monitoring, inspecting and/or testing, and defining and implementing possible corrective measures.

Construction equipment will be available at the Mine and include, but not be limited to, an excavator, a grader, and a bulldozer. Material will be available both at the TSF and at the Mine for use in repairing or remediation of any damaged areas.

Level 2 Situation

The first action in the event of a Level 2 Emergency Condition is to discuss and define an action plan, at the site, under the direction of the Mill Superintendent. After such a plan is prepared, it must be presented to the Mine Manager for approval. Construction equipment should be made available, if required, at short notice.

Level 3 Situation

The first actions in the event of any Level 3 Emergency Condition are:

- Check that all persons who could possibly be affected are safe; and
- Initiate the appropriate chain of communications.

The person who initiated the communication should then stand-by at a safe location near the problem area and await further instructions or decisions. All those involved in emergency response, after first having communicated with the appropriate parties, should consider two types of actions as first steps in the emergency response, with respect to the protection of human life and health, environment and property:

- What can be done to prevent the situation from worsening?
- What can be done to reduce the consequences of the impending or actual failure?

Any such action must be presented to the Mine Manager who will decide on its implementation in consultation with the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

5.3 <u>INCIDENT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES</u>

The following incident notification procedures are to be followed for all emergency conditions.

Level 1 and Level 2

The notification procedures are as follows:

- The person first noticing a Level 1 or Level 2 Emergency Condition shall notify the Mill Superintendent and initiate corrective actions and intensified monitoring.
- The Mill Superintendent shall notify the Design Engineer as appropriate.

Level 3

The notification procedure for a Level 3 Emergency Condition is as follows:

- The person noticing a Level 3 Emergency Condition shall notify the Mine Manager and Mill Superintendent and initiate corrective actions and/or intensified monitoring, as appropriate.
- The Mine Manager shall notify MPMC Public relations, MPMC Project director, and the Design Engineer.

In the event of an emergency situation that will result in an actual or potentially imminent dam failure, or release of untreated water, the Mine Manager shall also notify the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Names and telephone numbers for the key contacts are given in Table 1.1

SECTION 6.0 - CERTIFICATION

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This report was prepared and approved by the undersigned.

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TABLE 1.1

MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY MINE

TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PERSONNEL AND RESPONSIBILITIES LIST

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
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| | | Office: | 250 790 2215 | Pager: | |
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| Mill Operations Superintendent | Brock Taplin | Home: | , | Cell: | Daily management of the milling process and ensuring proper operation of the process system, equipment, and |
| | | Office: | 250 790 2215 | Pager: | related components. Directs the opearting crew |
| | | E-mail: | tfisch@mountpol | ley.com | in carrying out rountine activities. |
| Mine Superintendent | John Graham | Home: | | Cell: | Daily management of any TSF construction activities. |
| | | Office: | 250 790 2215 | Pager: | |
| | | E-mail: | jgraham@mount | polley.com | |
| Environmental Superintentent | Ron Martel | Home: | | Cell: | Arranges for an Annual Inspection of the TSF. Plans for future design raises and submitts required permit |
| | | Office: | 250 790 2215 | Pager: | admendments. Responsible for ensuring that mining and |
| | | | | | milling activities comply with the requirements of the applicable regulations governing the milling and tailings facilities. Responsible for updating the OMS manual |
| | | E-mail: | rmartel@mountp | olley.com | |
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SUMMARY OF VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETERS AND TRIGGER LEVELS

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0.3 Serial Tip El. Zone Monitored Trigger Level Identification Number Frequency (m) Pressure | Elevation Number (Hz) (m H2O) (m) A0-PE1-01 938.5 69689 Cycloned Tailings A0-PE2-01 43675 928.0 Tailings A0-PE2-02 43657 927.9 Tailings 64100 Foundation Drain A1-PE1-01 913.0 3000 2.0 915.0 64098 A1-PE1-02 912.1 Foundation Drain 3040 2.0 914.1 A1-PE1-03 64105 917.2 Chimney Drain 3015 2.0 919.2 A1-PE1-04 43649 936.3 Upstream Toe Drain A2-PE1-01 67191 913.3 Zone T Fill A2-PE1-02 69690 938.5 Glacial Till Fill A2-PE1-03 69697 909.3 Foundation, depth 1.5 m **Not Functioning** A2-PE2-01 64104 903.7 Foundation, depth approx. 9.0 m 2875 15.0 918.7 A2-PE2-02 64103 909.8 Foundation, depth approx. 2.9 m 3000 8.9 918.7 A2-PE2-03 64101 919.4 Glacial Till Fill 64099 Glacial Till Fill A2-PE2-04 926.1 **Not Functioning** A2-PE2-05 64102 921.9 Glacial Till Fill A2-PE2-06 43650 898.9 Foundation, depth approx. 2810 20.5 919.4 43654 A2-PE2-07 902.8 Foundation, depth approx. 2840 16.6 919.4 A2-PE2-08 67195 907.6 Foundation, depth approx. 2995 11.8 919.4 B0-PE1-01 69692 939.1 Cycloned Tailings 927.3 B0-PE2-01 43674 **Tailings** B0-PE2-02 43676 927.2 **Tailings** B1-PE1-01 64107 917.3 Foundation Drain 3090 2.0 919.3 B1-PE1-02 64106 916.0 Foundation Drain 3080 2.0 918.0 B1-PE1-03 64118 918.7 Chimney Drain 2.0 3115 920.7 67194 916.3 Zone T B2-PE1-01 B2-PE1-02 69693 939.4 Glacial Till Fill B2-PE1-03 69696 914.1 Foundation, depth 1.5 m 2964 7.5 921.6 B2-PE2-01 64110 902.0 Foundation, depth approx. 15.0 m 2840 21.0 923.0 B2-PE2-02 64116 909.5 Foundation, depth approx. 7.9 m 2865 13.9 923.4 921.0 Glacial Till Fill B2-PE2-03 64109 B2-PE2-04 64108 921.0 Glacial Till Fill B2-PE2-05 64113 921.7 Glacial Till Fill B2-PE2-06 43652 914.6 Foundation, depth approx. 2.3 m 2980 8.5 923.0 Cycloned Tailings C0-PE1-01 69694 938.3 C0-PE2-01 43673 927.8 **Tailings Not Functioning Tailings** C0-PE2-02 43658 927.5 Not Functioning C1-PE1-01 64111 914.7 Foundation Drain 3070 2.0 916.7 C1-PE1-02 64115 916.6 Chimney Drain 3070 2.0 918.6 C1-PE1-04 43653 914.3 Foundation Drain 2960 2.0 916.3 C2-PE1-01 67196 915.0 Zone T C2-PE1-02 69695 938.5 Glacial Till Fill

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|----------------|--|---------|---------------------------------|------|--|--|--|
| 0.3 | Serial | Tip El. | Zone Monitored | ТТ | Trigger Level | | |
| Identification | Number | (m) | Frequency Press | | Pressure | Elevation | |
| Number | | | | (Hz) | (m H2O) | (m) | |
| C2-PE1-03 | 69698 | 912.6 | Till Foundation, depth 1.5 m | 2979 | 7.5 | 920.1 | |
| C2-PE2-01 | 64117 | 907.5 | Foundation | No | t Functioni | ng | |
| C2-PE2-02 | 64119 | 910.5 | Foundation, depth approx. 5.2 m | 2955 | 11.2 | 921.7 | |
| C2-PE2-03 | 64112 | 921.0 | Glacial Till Fill | | The state of the s | | |
| C2-PE2-05 | 64114 | 924.8 | Glacial Till Fill | No | Not Functioning | | |
| C2-PE2-06 | 43647 | 906.6 | Foundation, depth approx. 9.1 m | 2940 | 15.4 | 922.0 | |
| C2-PE2-07 | 43655 | 912.3 | Foundation, depth approx. 3.7 m | 3000 | 9.7 | 922.0 | |
| C2-PE2-08 | 43656 | 914.0 | Foundation, depth approx. 2.0 m | 3000 | 8.0 | 922.0 | |
| D1-PE1-02 | 66520 | 928.8 | Outlet Drain | | | | |
| D1-PE1-03 | 50679 | 934.0 | Chimney Drain | | | | |
| D2-PE1-01 | 67193 | 930.4 | Zone T | | | | |
| D2-PE2-01 | 64096 | 931.0 | Glacial Till Fill | | | | |
| D2-PE2-02 | 67192 | 927.3 | Foundation | | | | |
| E2-PE2-01 | 43651 | 914.2 | Foundation, depth approx. 4.6 m | 2930 | 10.6 | 924.8 | |
| E2-PE2-02 | 43648 | | Foundation, depth approx. 9.1 m | 2980 | 15.1 | 924.8 | |
| F2-PE2-01 | 53765 | | Foundation, depth 1.3 m | | | | |
| G1-PE1-01 | 50678 | 934.0 | Chimney Drain | | | - AND THE THE WITTER OF STREET, STREET | |
| H1-PE1-01 | 50681 | 934.0 | Chimney Drain | | | THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF | |

Notes:

- 1. Trigger level is the level at which the monitoring frequency must be increased (daily) and when contingency or remedial plans must be developed.
- 2. The trigger level for foundation piezometers is approx. 6.0 metres above ground and is based on the level where the factor of safety is approaching 1.1.
- 3. The trigger level for drain piezometers is approx. 2.0 metres of head.
- 4. Fill piezometers have no set trigger level, but must be closely monitored for pressure increases.

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SUMMARY OF SLOPE INCLINOMETERS AND TRIGGER LEVELS

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| Inclinometer | Ground El. | Depth | Zone Monitored | Horizontal |
|----------------|------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| Identification | (m) | (m) | | Displacement |
| Number | | | | Trigger Level |
| SI01-01 | 915.70 | 24.38 | Foundation | 25 mm |
| SI01-02 | 917.30 | 30.33 | Foundation | 25 mm |

Notes:

1. Trigger level is the level at which the monitoring frequency must be increased (daily) and when contingency or remedial plans must be developed.

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TRIGGER LEVELS FOR SURVEY MONUMENTS

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Revised: 20-Dec-2004 Inspect embankment for cracking, sloughing or slumping, If observed, Inspect embankment for cracking, sloughing or slumping, If observed, complete actions for Contingency 2. If not, notify Design Engineer increase survey frequency to monthly and complete daily inspections. Slight deformations in the downstream direction may occur during initial basin filling. Continue inspections and surveys. increase survey frequency to monthly and complete daily inspections. complete actions for Contingency 2. If not, notify Design Engineer, ACTION DEI = -0.01 to -0.02 | Continue survey and inspections. See Contingency 1. DEI = -0.02 to -0.05 | See Contingency 1. DISPLACEMENT (m) MAGNITUDE OF $Dxy = \pm 0.05$ $Dxy = \pm 0.03$ DEI > -0.05 Dxy > 0.05 LEVEL N N က က displacements in upstream or downstream direction. Loss of fill elevation associated with small Displacement in the upstream or downstream directions, associated with minor changes in embankment crest DISPLACEMENT DESCRIPTION elevation. Contingency Actions Crest Movement Settlement

| Otherwise continue with survey and inspection Cracks, sloughing or slumping found; determin amount of movement, and rate of movement- il sinkholes or for unusual tailings or water move | Inspect the entidarkment crest and slopes for cracking, sloughing or slumping. If any of these are noted see Contingency 2. Otherwise continue with survey and inspection. Forward results to the Design Engineer immediately. |
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| Otherwise continue with su Cracks, sloughing or slum amount of movement, and sinkholes or for unusual ta | th survey and inspection. Forward results to the Design Engineer immediately. |
| 2 Cracks, sloughing or slum amount of movement, and sinkholes or for unusual ta | The state of the s |
| amount of movement, and sinkholes or for unusual ta | Cracks, sloughing or slumping found; determine size of affected area and photograph Collect haseline measurements (ورم امينايد). |
| sinkholes or for unusual ta | and rate of movement- if any). Closely inspect the embankment crest and slones for other deformations, and the total for |
| | sinkholes or for unusual tailings or water movement or disturbance. Contact the Design Engineer with this information immediately. Increase acres to |
| determine if cracking or m | determine if cracking or movement is continuing or accelerating. Arrange for additional survey monuments and increase frequency of inspection to wine |
| daily. Survey daily until it | Idaily. Survey daily until it is determined if displacements are continuing or accelerating. Arrange for an inspection by a suitably qualified Engineer. |

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MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY MINE

TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY INSPECTION LOG

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| \\Server1\data\Enviro\Mount Polley\Tailings Management\OMS MANUAL\2006\\TabB-1 Inspection | n L Revised on: Dec 20, 20 |
|---|---|
| INSPECTOR | |
| DATE | : |
| WEATHER CONDTION | |
| General Notes to Inspectors | 1 |
| | associated structures regularly (and of all unusual observations and events) for use as a |
| - Forward all applicable data and reports to the Design Engineer | as per the inspection schedule outlined in Table 3.1 of the OMS Manual |
| Date translation | Tailings Pond |
| Daily Inspection Tailings throughput | tl |
| Location of Tailings deposition and approx. length of exposed beach | |
| Condition of Tailings Beach (e.g. flat, sinkholes? Eroded?) | |
| Weekly Inspection: Next Inspection on | |
| Pond Water Level | |
| Freeboard distance between Crest and Pond | |
| Semi-Annually: Next Inspection on | |
| Complete tailings and pond survey to check volumes stored (before | |
| spring freshet and winter) Additional Notes | |
| Weekly Inspection: Next Inspection on | Tailings Embankment |
| Estimate flow rates into monitoring sumps & note clarity | |
| Embankment Condition (e.g. cracks, bulging at toe, etc.) | |
| Condition of downstream embankments (note erosion, damage, evidence of instability) | |
| Additional Notes | |
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| Tai Daily Inspection | ilings Discharge Pipeline |
| Tailings pipeline pressure gauge readings | |
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| Check for wear on pipeline (location & degree of damage) | |
| Check for pipeline leakage or evidence of leakage (location & degree of leakage) | |
| T2 Dropbox Water level | |
| Check for presence of tailings in T2 Dropbox | |
| Inspect for blockage in all pipelines entering Dropbox | |
| Additional Notes | |
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| | Reclaim Pipeline |
| Daily Inspection | |
| Daily flow rate in reclaim pipeline | |
| Total daily volume pumped in reclaim pipeline. | |
| Reclaim pipeline pressure gauge readings at pump and discharge manifold | |
| Check for wear on pipeline (location & degree of damage) | |
| Check for pipeline leakage or evidence of leakage (location & degree of leakage) | |
| Inspect for blockage in all pipelines entering the Booster sump | |
| Check reclaim barge and note condition of pumps, de-icing equipment, mooring, lighting and walkway | |
| Weekly Inspection: Next Inspection on | |
| Barge Elevation | |
| Inspect ball joint connection (is the water elevation near the joint? Does the pad need to be raised?) | |
| | Sediment Ponds |
| Daily Inspection | Sediment Fonds |
| Check for blockage in manhole pipelines | |
| Weekly Inspection: Next Inspection on | |
| Water Level in Mill Site Sump | |
| Water Level in Southeast Sediment Pond | |
| Estimate flow exiting through Mill Site Sump manhole | |
| Estimate flow exiting through SE Sed. Pond manhole | |
| Condition of pond embankments (note erosion, damage, evidence of instability) | |
| Check drainage ditches for obstructions (note damaged areas and erosion) | |
| Additional Notes | |

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TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY INSPECTION LOG

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|---|--|--|--|--|
| S | eepage Collection Ponds | | | |
| Weekly Inspection: Next Inspection on | | | | |
| Water Level in Main and Perimeter collection pond | | | | |
| Average pumpback flow rate from each recycle pump | | | | |
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| Check for blockage in pipelines leading in and out of ponds | | | | |
| Check that seepage return pumps are operating. | | | | |
| Condition of pond embankments (note erosion, damage, evidence of instability) | | | | |
| Downstream of Embankment (note erosion, seepage, piping, etc.) | | | | |
| Additional Notes | | | | |
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| Instrumentation Monthly Inspection: Next Inspection on | | | | |
| Collect piezometer readings and barometric pressure. | | | | |
| (Weekly during Construction Program) | | | | |
| Check for displacements in inclinometer boreholes using 'poor boy' | | | | |
| slope inclinometer (Twice-Monthly during Construction on Main Embankment) | | | | |
| Quarterly Inspection: Next Inspection on | | | | |
| Check condition of survey and surface movement monuments | | | | |
| (Clear of vegetation and debris) Measure embankment displacements with surface movement | | | | |
| monuments | | | | |
| Annual Inspection: Next Inspection on | | | | |
| Check displacements in inclinometer boreholes using probe | | | | |
| Measure groundwater levels in monitoring wells. Forward information to Environmental Superintendent | · | | | |
| Take water samples from groundwater wells as directed by Environmental Superintendent | | | | |
| Additional Notes | | | | |
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TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PIEZOMETER DATA SHEET

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| INSPECTOR: | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| DATE: | | | |
| WEATHER CONDTION: | | | |
| Piezometer ID | Barometric Pressure (inches Hg) | Frequency Reading (Lu) | Temperature (°C) |
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TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY SLOPE INCLINOMETER DATA SHEET

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| INSPECTOR: | | | | | | |
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| DATE: WEATHER CONDTION: | | | | | | |
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TABLE C-3

MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY MINE

TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY SURVEY DATA SHEET

Notes:
1. Calculate displacements as follows:
2. NM- Not Measured

Displacements between readings Total Displacements from initial survey DN = N, - N

DN = N(n+1) - Nn

DEI = El_(n+1) - El, DE = E(n+1) - E,

 $D_{xy - total} = (DN^2 + DE^2)^{1/2}$

DE = E, - E, DEl = El, - El,

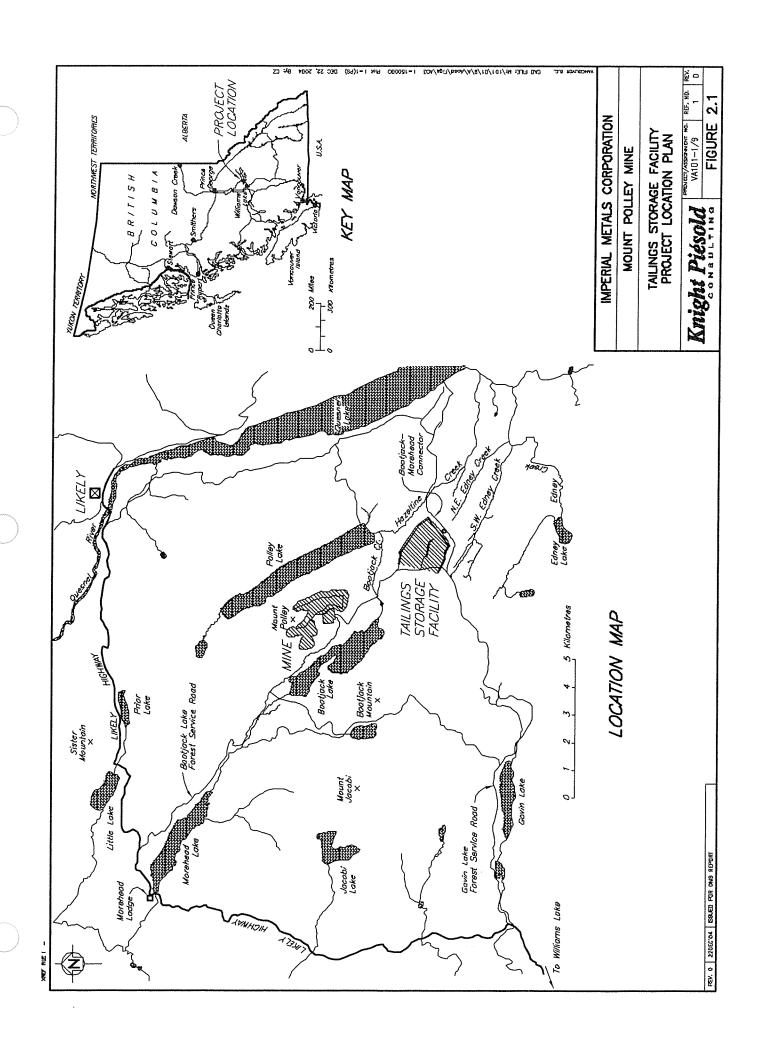
 $D_{xy} = (DN^2 + DE^2)^{1/2}$ $D_{xyz} = (DN^2 + DE^2 + DEI^2)^{1/2}$ $D_{xyz-total} = (DN^2 + DE^2 + DEI^2)^{1/2}$

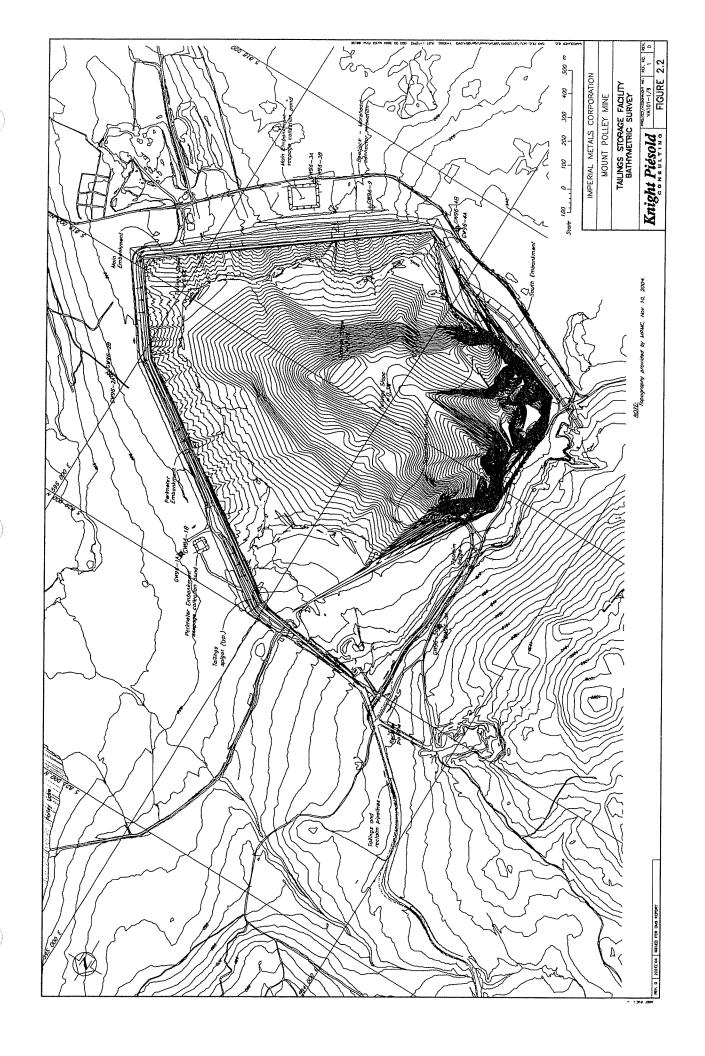
Comments on calculations

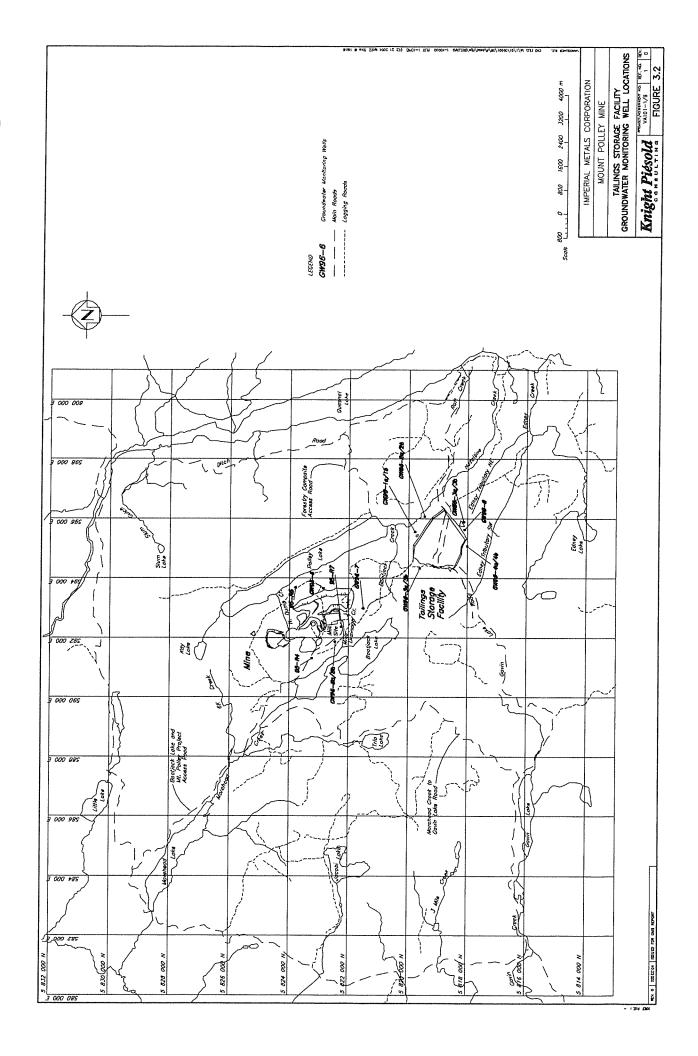
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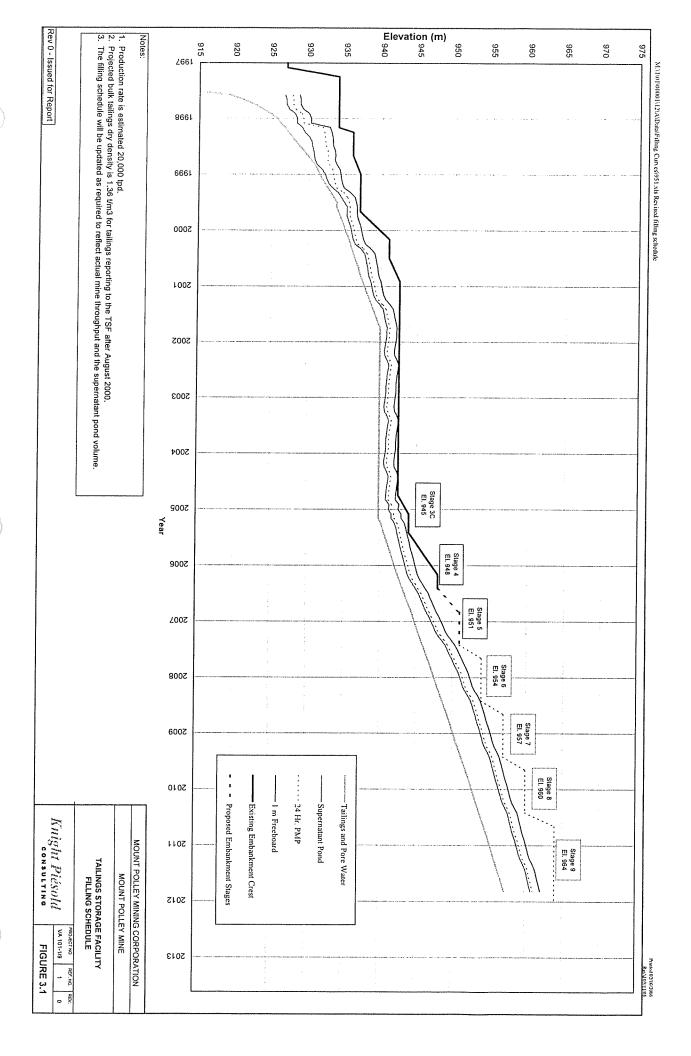
2. Coordinate system is as shown on Drawings.

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Mount Polley Project Tailings Facility Summary



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Overview of Presentation

General information

Project Background

Stage 5 Construction Schedule

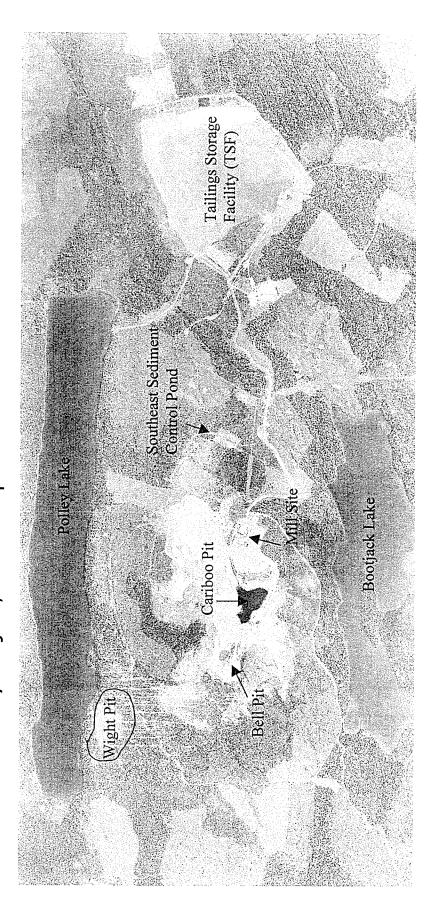
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Wight Pit Dewatering

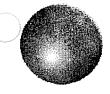


General Information

Mount Polley Project, 2001 Air photo

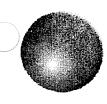


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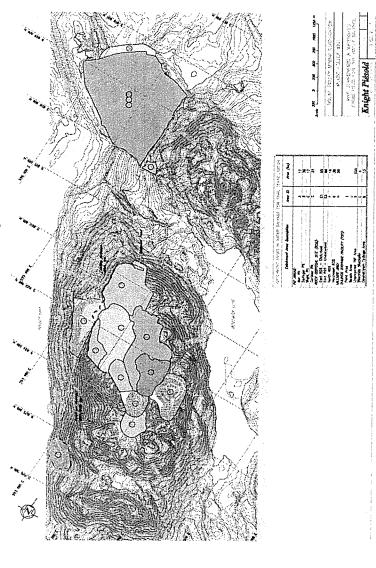
- Production started June 1997
- Care and Maintenance status October 2001 to March 2005
- Regular inspections
- Start up March 2005
- Stage 4 Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) construction per existing permits to El. 948m from May 2005 to present
- Additional Mines Branch permits required for on-going expansion of
- Stage 5 crest to be constructed to El. 951m
- Stage 4 raise was an upstream cap
- Stage 5 raise will be a modified centerline construction



Project Background

Hydrometeorology (Update Required)

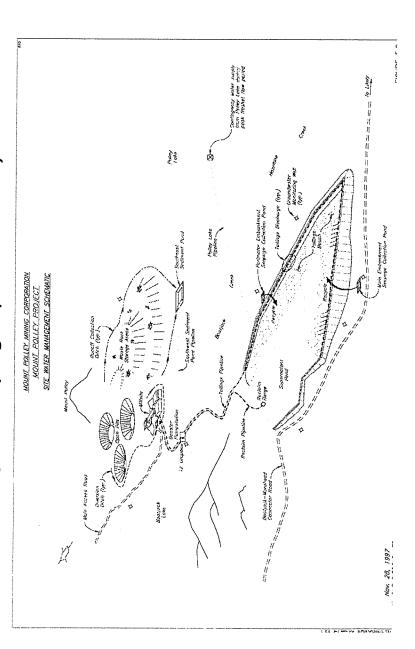
- Mean annual precipitation of 755mm at TSF
- Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) is 203mm



Project Background

Project Background – Water Management

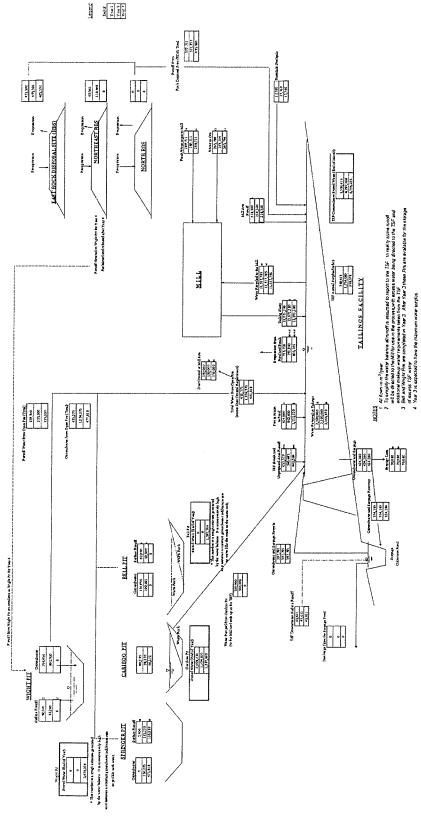
Site Water Management (Wight pit not shown)



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Project Background – Water Balance (Update Required)

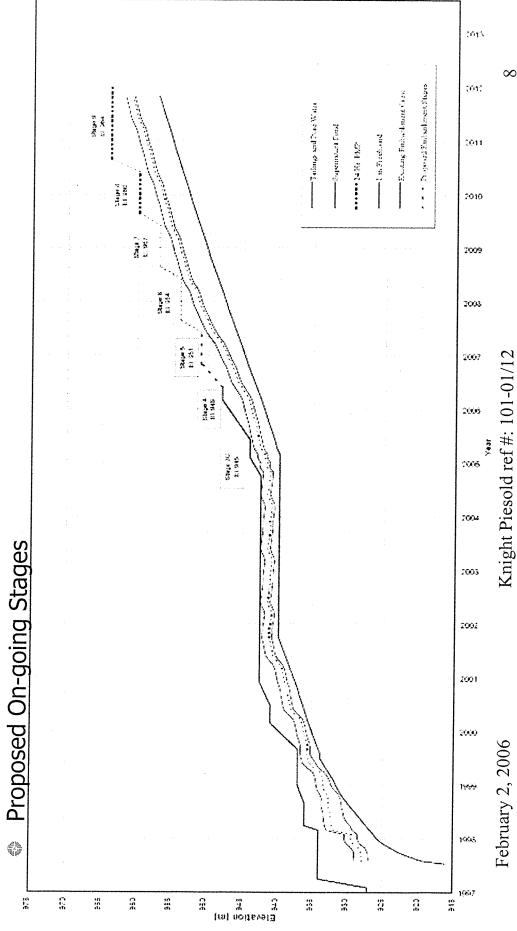
Typical water balance calculations for Wight Pit expansion:



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TSF - Staged Development

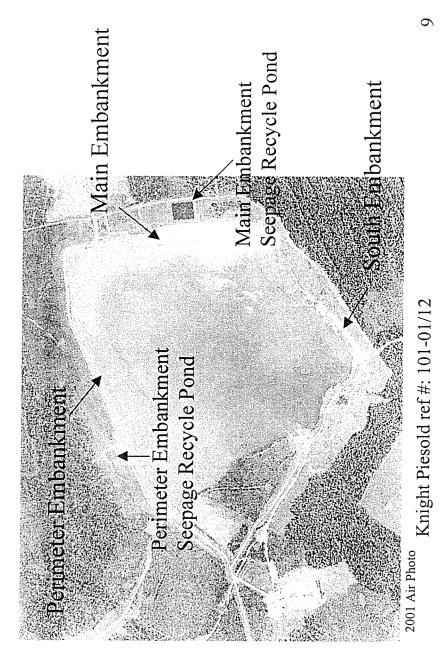




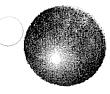


Tailings Storage Facility

Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) layout:



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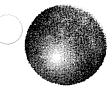
Tailings Storage Facility

Currently Permitted:

- Stage 1a/1b constructed to El. 934m in 1996/1997 reviewed by Fred
- Stage 2a/2b constructed to El. 937m in 1998 reviewed by Chuck Brawner
- Stage 3a/3b constructed to El. 942.5m in 2000/2001 reviewed by Chris
- Stage 3c constructed to El. 945m in 2004/2005 reviewed by Chris Carr
- Stage 4 construction to El. 948m on embankments in progress Approved by Chris Carr

Pending Permits:

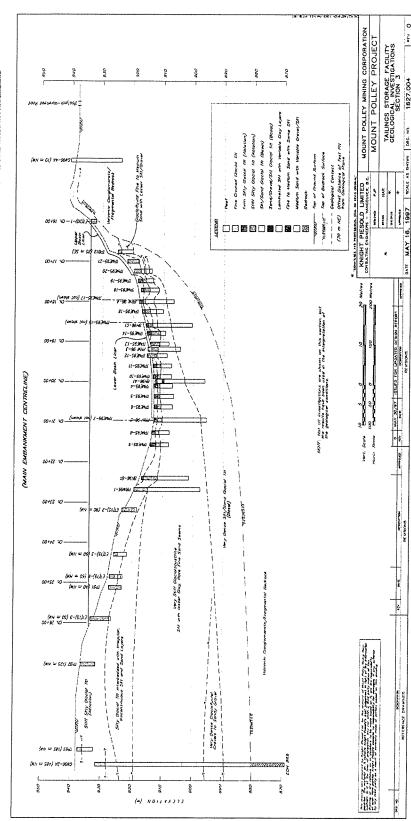
- On-going design and expansions to El. 965m
- Stage 5 construction to El. 951m on embankments



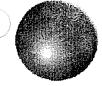
Project Background

Main Geological X-sections



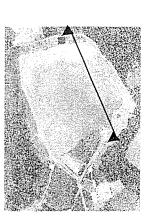


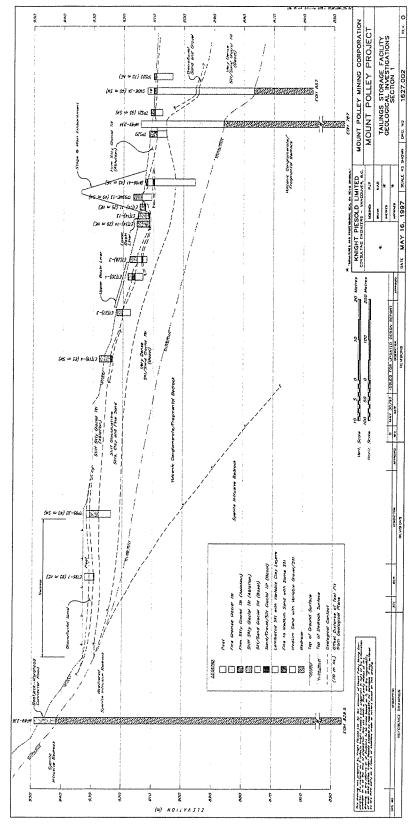
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Project Background

South Geological X-sections





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Project Background – Tailings

Properties

Tailings Slurry;

Solid throughput: 20,000 tonnes per day

Percent solids: **25 – 30%**

Solid Specific Gravity: 2.70

In situ density: 1.44 tonne/m³

Geochemical characteristics:

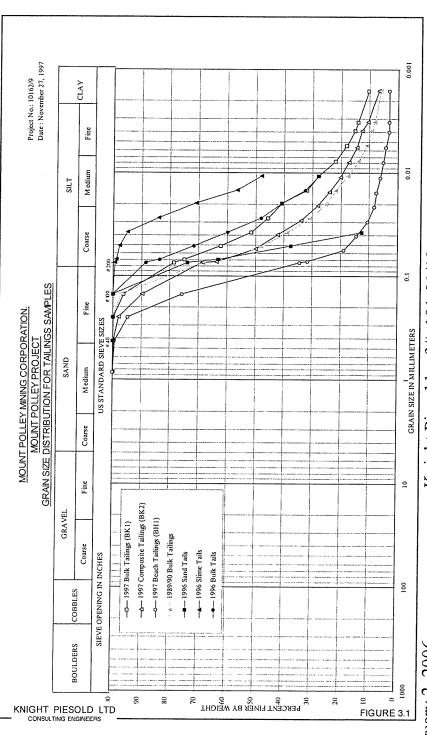
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Seepage water quality: Ron Martel

Project Background – Tailings Properties

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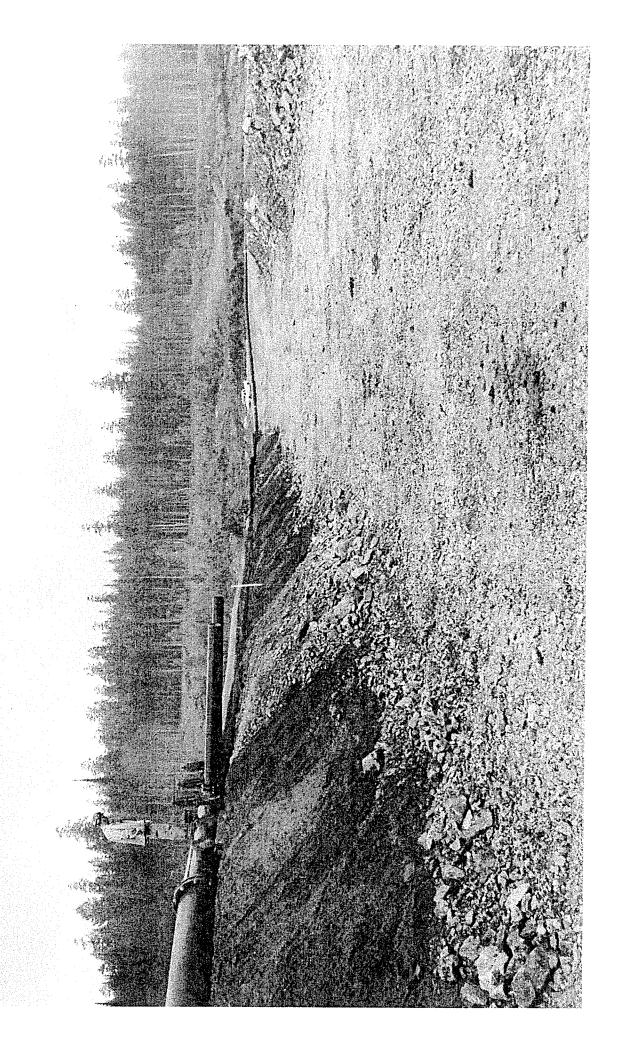


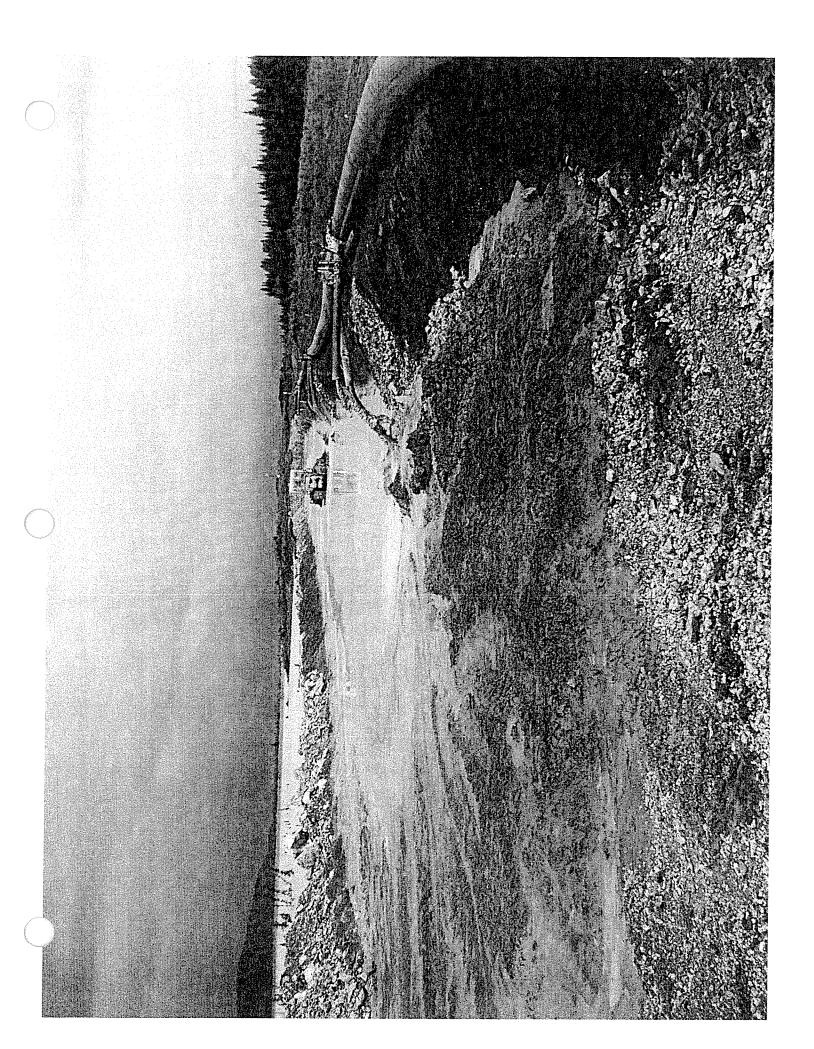
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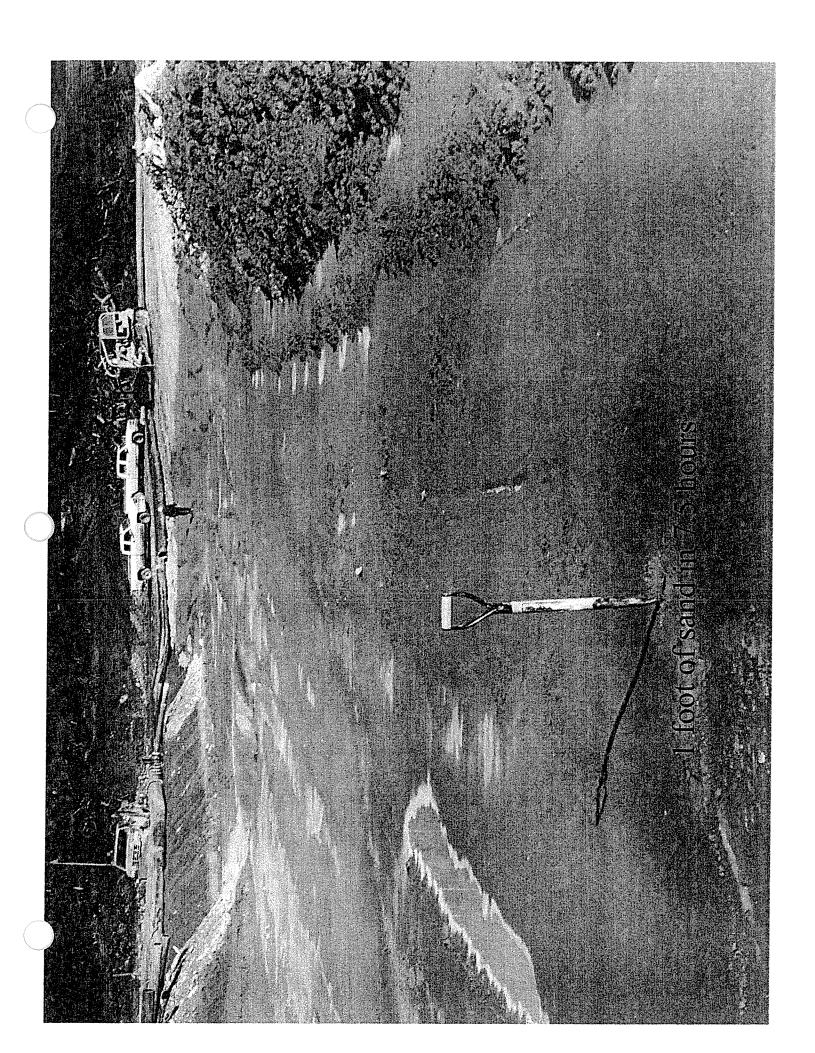
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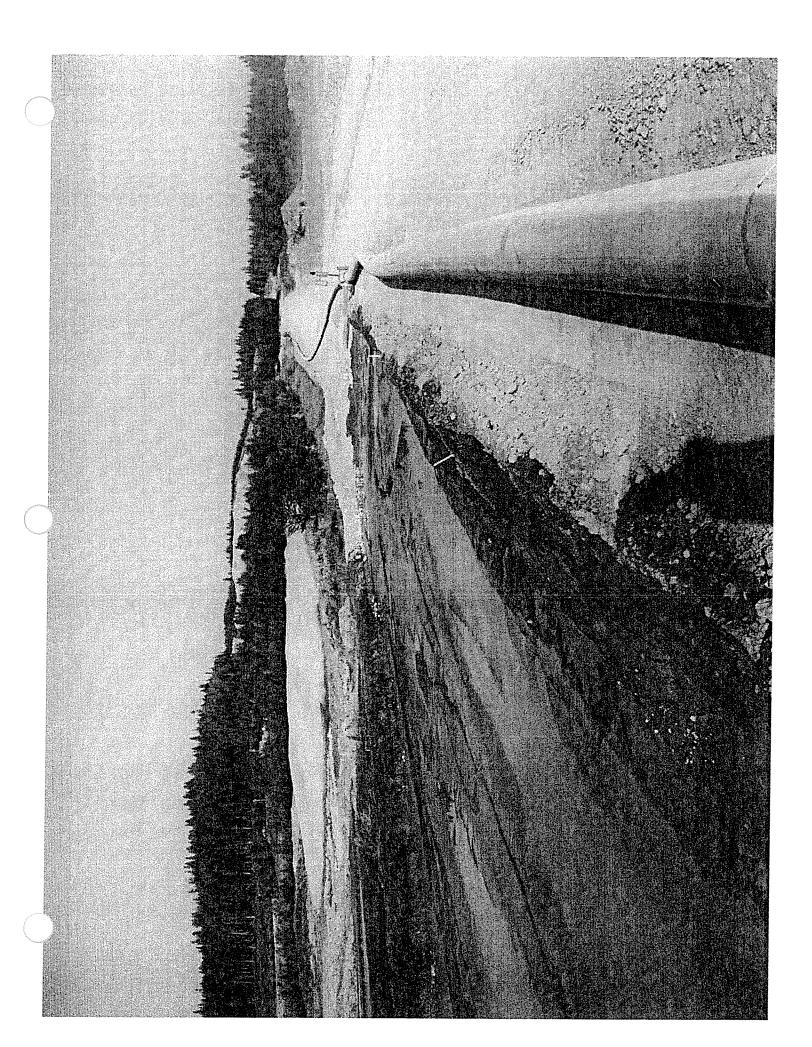
TSF - Stage 4 Sand Cell Construction

Cell dimensions: 18m x 150m







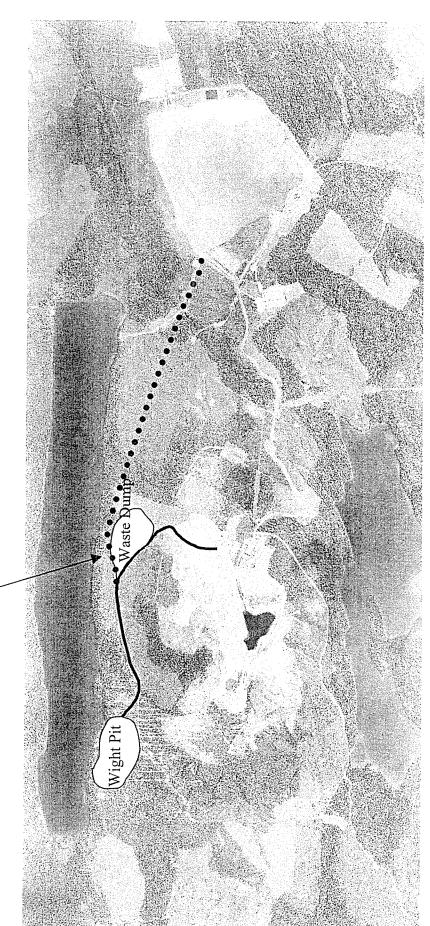






TSF – Stage 5 Design

Waste rock dump and haul road.

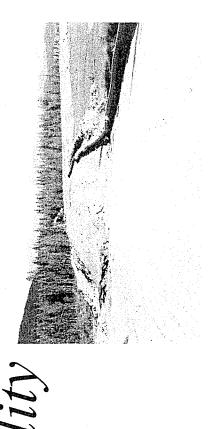


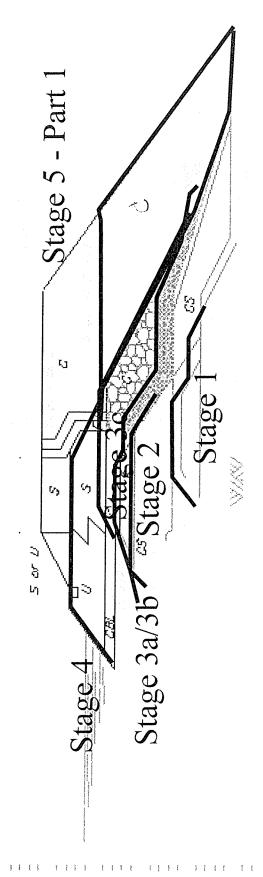
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Perimeter Embankment:

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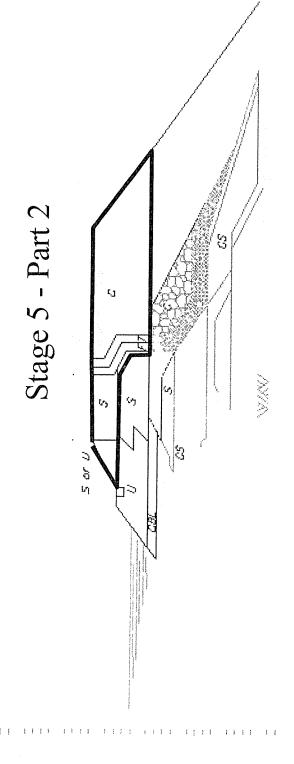


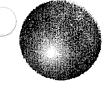


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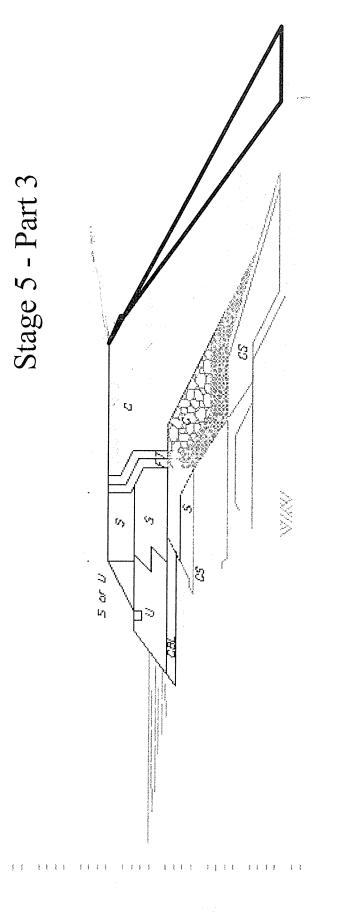
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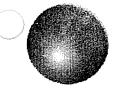




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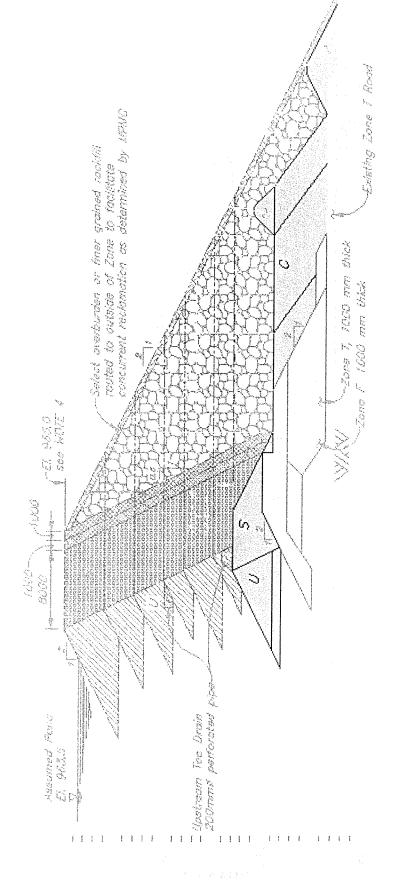
Place Zone C at 2:1





Tailings Storage Facility * Perimeter Embankment:

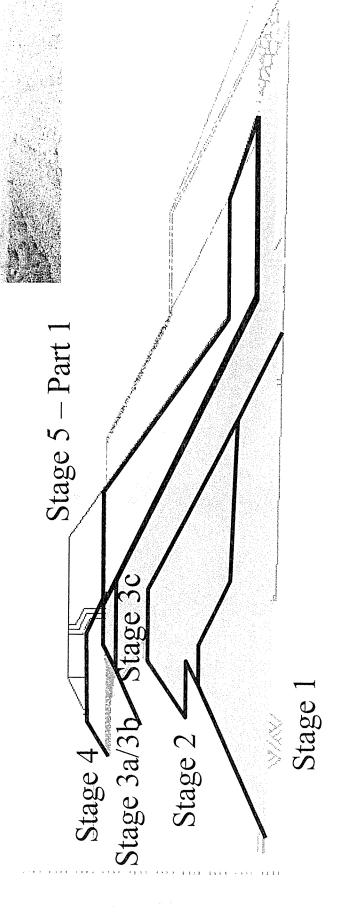
Zone C configuration options.





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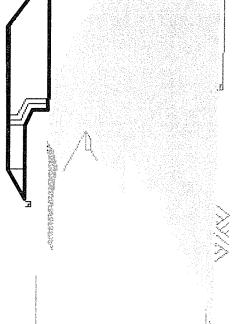
Place Zone C to El. 944m.





Tailings Storage Facility Main Embankment:

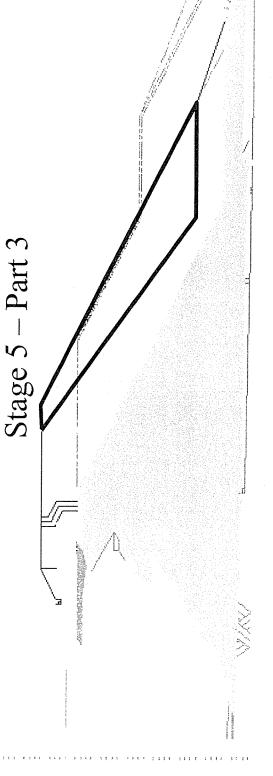
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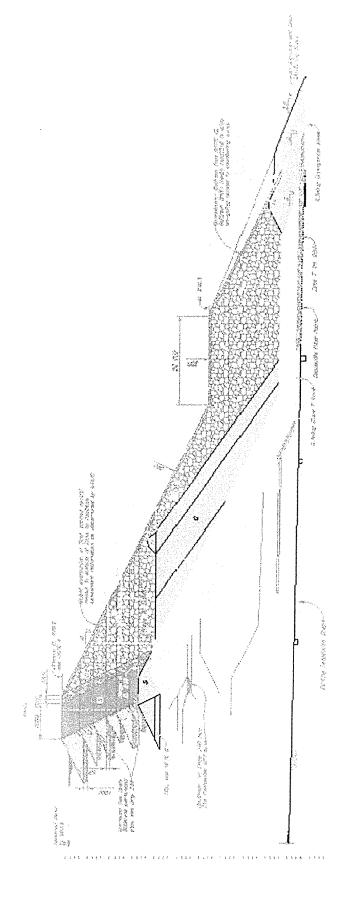
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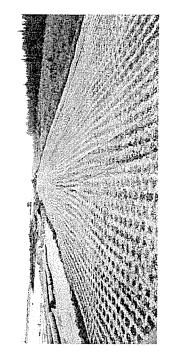


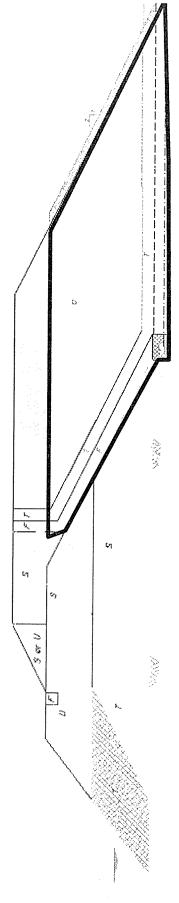
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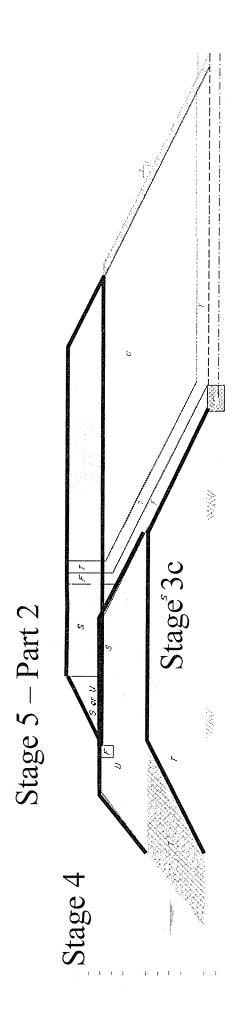
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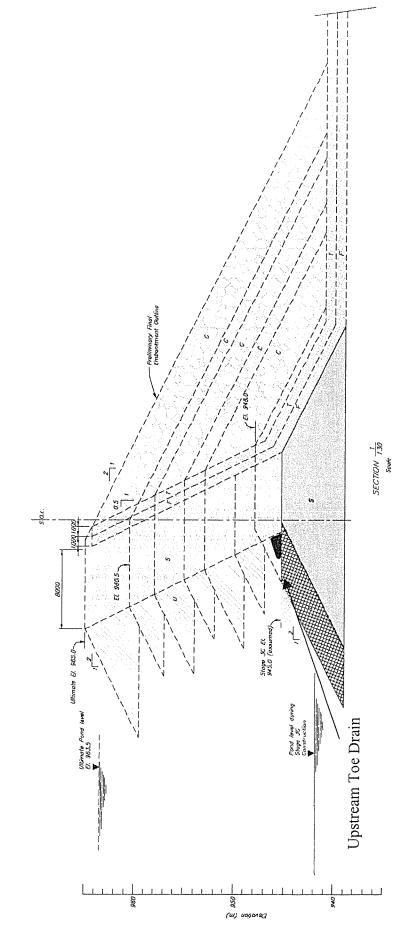
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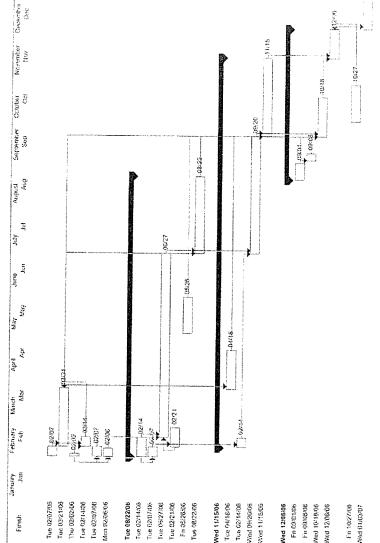
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Draft South Embankment X-section



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South Embankment

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Project Summary External Tasks Split

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Critical Task

Project: Stage 5 Date: Tue 01/31/06

Task









February

General Items

- Re-establish till borrow
- 1 Basin liner investigation
- Place till in basin if necessary
- Begin completing Stage 4 to El. 948m Zone S and Zone U (Begin Feb 8, 2006)
- Investigate seep at PE (32+00)
- Extend U/S toe drain pipeline at PE (32+00)
- I Relocate piezometer leads @ ME, PE and SE
- Install and read inclinometers



February

Main Embankment

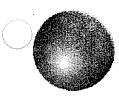
Extend haul road to ME and place Zone FT or filter fabric

Relocate/decommission ME SCP pipeline

Begin placing Zone C to El. 944m - 230,000tpm (Start Feb 15, 2006)

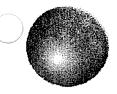
Perimeter Embankment

☐ Relocate/decommission PE SCP pipeline



March

- General Items
- Complete Stage 4 to El. 948m Zone S and Zone U
- Complete Stage 5 design report
- Main Embankment
- Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m 230,000tpm (completion in June)
- Perimeter Embankment
- ☐ Begin installing U/S toe drain (complete in April)





April

General Items

Submit Stage 5 design report to MEM (April 1, 2006)

Main Embankment

Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m – 230,000tpm (completion in June)

Perimeter Embankment

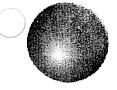
Complete installation of U/S toe drain (complete this month)



May

Main Embankment

- Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m 230,000tpm (completion in June)
 - Source/process Zone F and stockpile



June

General Items

- Receive Stage 5 permit approval from MEM (June 1, 2006)
- Dam safety review

Main Embankment

- Complete placing Zone C to El. 944m 230,000tpm (completion this month)
- Begin placing Zones F, T, S and C to El. 951m

Perimeter Embankment

Begin placing Zone C to El. 944m - 230,000tpm (completion in September)

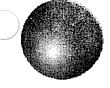


Main Embankment

Continue placing Zones F, T, S and C to El. 951m

Perimeter Embankment

Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m (230,000tpm completion in September)



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Main Embankment

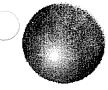
☐ Complete placing Zones F, T, S and C to El. 951m

Perimeter Embankment

Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m (230,000tpm completion in September)

South Embankment

☐ Improve South East access road



September

Perimeter Embankment

- Complete placing Zone C to El. 944m (230,000tpm completion in November)
 - Begin placing Zones F, T, S and C to El. 951m

South Embankment

- ☐ Prepare foundation
- Install foundation drains
- Begin placing Zone C, F and T to El. 948m



October

Perimeter Embankment

Continue placing Zone C to El. 944m (230,000tpm completion in November)

South Embankment

☐ Complete placing Zones C, F, and T to El. 948m



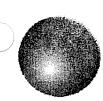
November

Perimeter Embankment

J Complete placing Zones F, C, T and S to El. 951m

South Embankment

☐ Begin placing Zone F, C, U, T and S to El. 951m



December

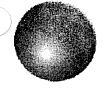
All Embankments

Place Zone C to El. 951m for final slope angle of 2:1

Develop tailings deposition plan for TSF

South Embankment

Complete placing Zone F, C, U, T and S to El. 951m



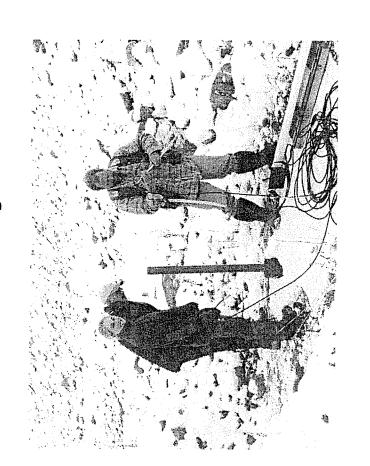
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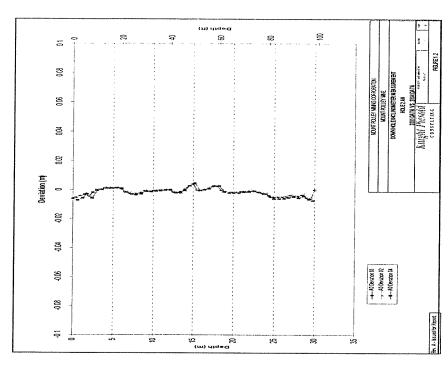
Design Criteria

| Hazard rating:During OperationsHIGH by CDA ConsequenceDesign Earthquakes:OperationsDBE1 in 475 year event (M = 6.5 MDEAfter ClosureMDE50% of the 1 in 2000 year eventEmbankment Crest Width: (Final Width)8 mDesign Tonnage7,300,000 tpy (20,000 tpd)Freeboard:Operations24 hour PMP event (679,000 ClosureClosureSufficient to provide routing | |
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| Inage Operations Closure | |
| Operations Closure | 0,000 tpy (20,000 tpd) |
| | 24 hour PMP event (679,000 m³) plus 1.0 m wave run Sufficient to provide routing of PMF plus wave run-up |
| Storage Capacity: 76,000,000 tonnes | 00,000 tonnes |

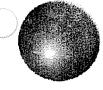


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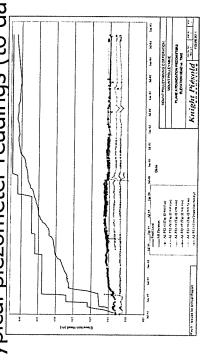


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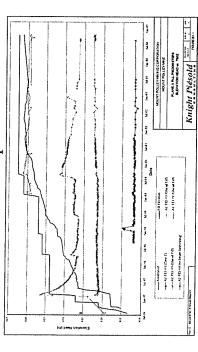


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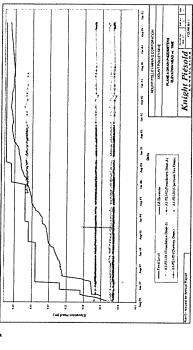
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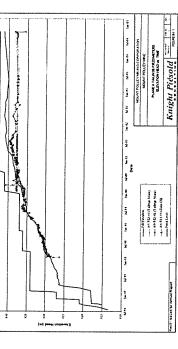
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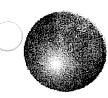


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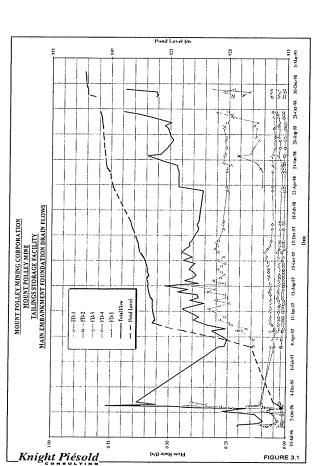


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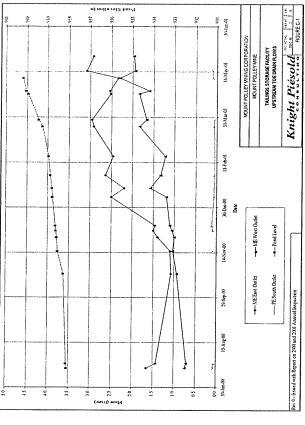
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Drain Flow Readings



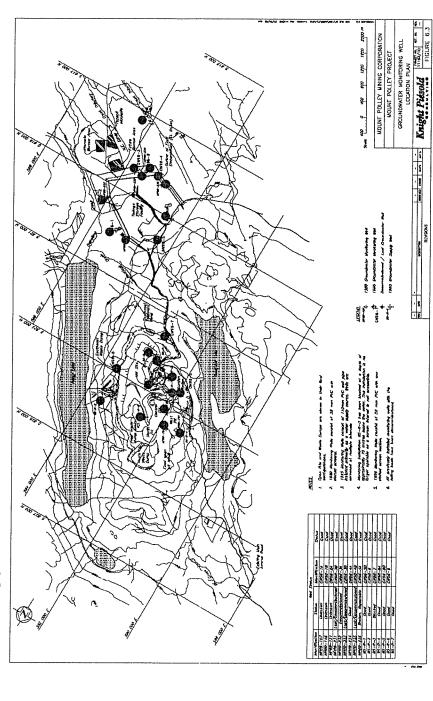
Typical foundation drain flow readings



Typical upstream toe drain flow readings

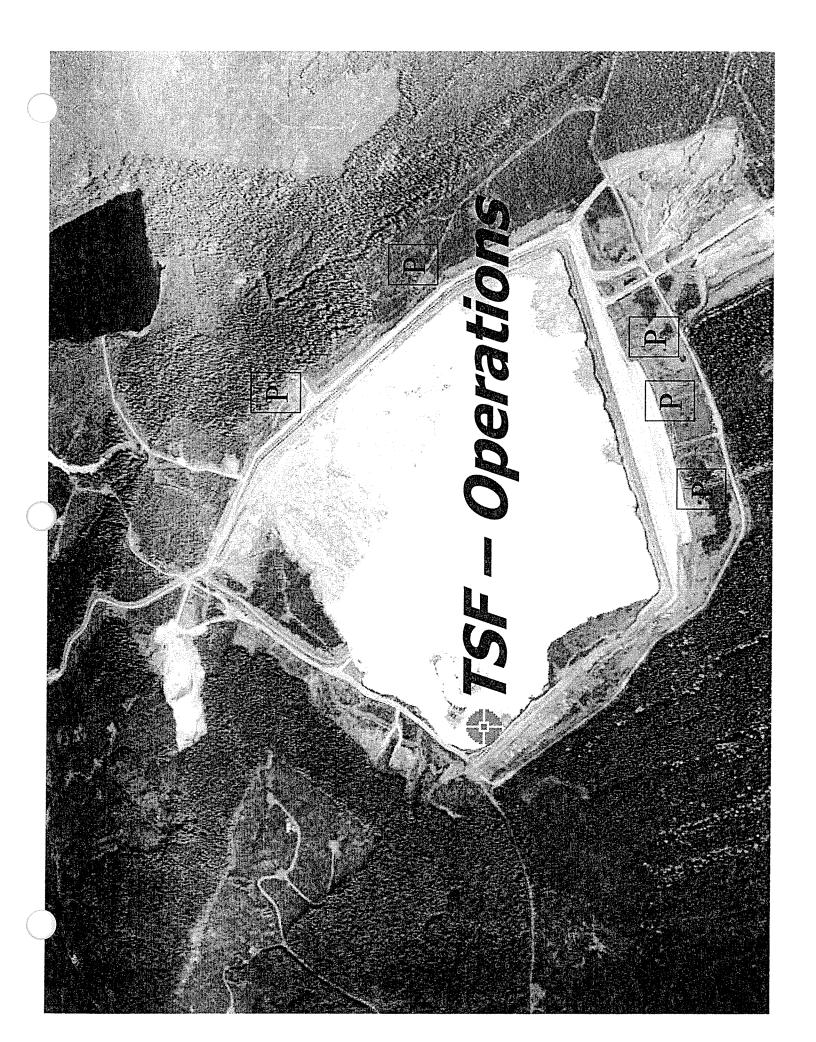
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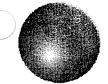
= Groundwater well



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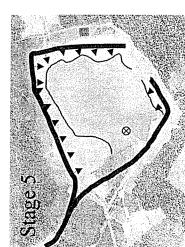


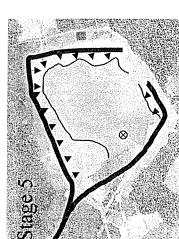
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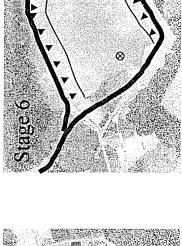
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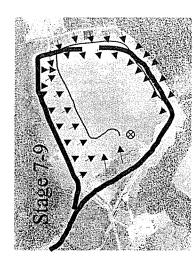
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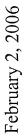






- Seepage from Main Embankment Seepage Recycle Pond pumped into tailings pond

- -Tailings supernatant pond volume increases over life of mine
- Freeboard maintained for containment of PMP runoff plus 1m for wave run-up

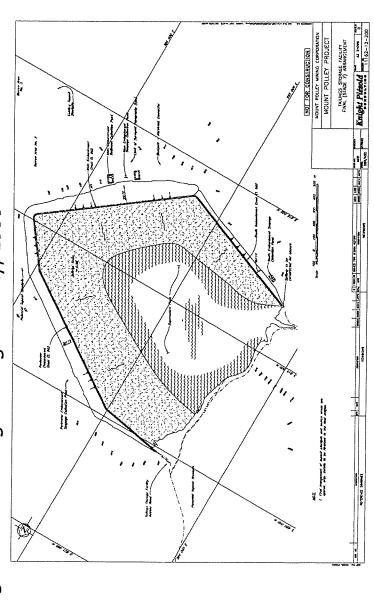




TSF - Closure

Proposed Closure Plan

From Report on Cycloned sand Construction of Stage 3 and On-going Stages of The Tailings Storage Facility, 1999



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Questions on TSF?



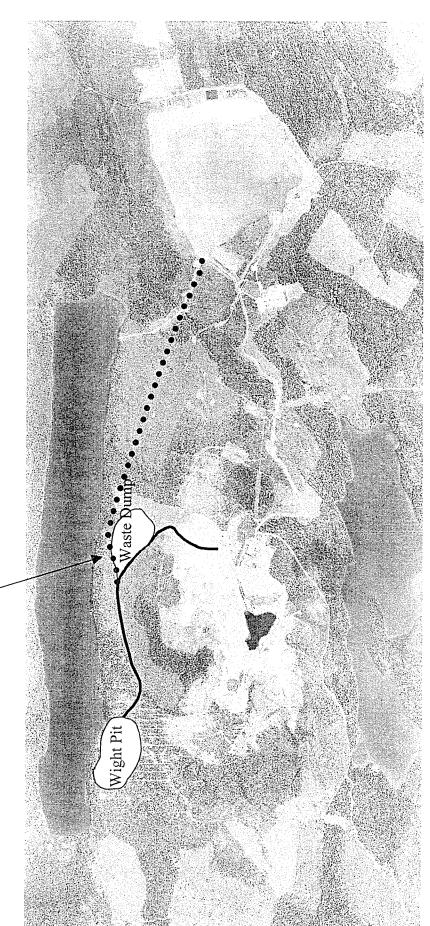
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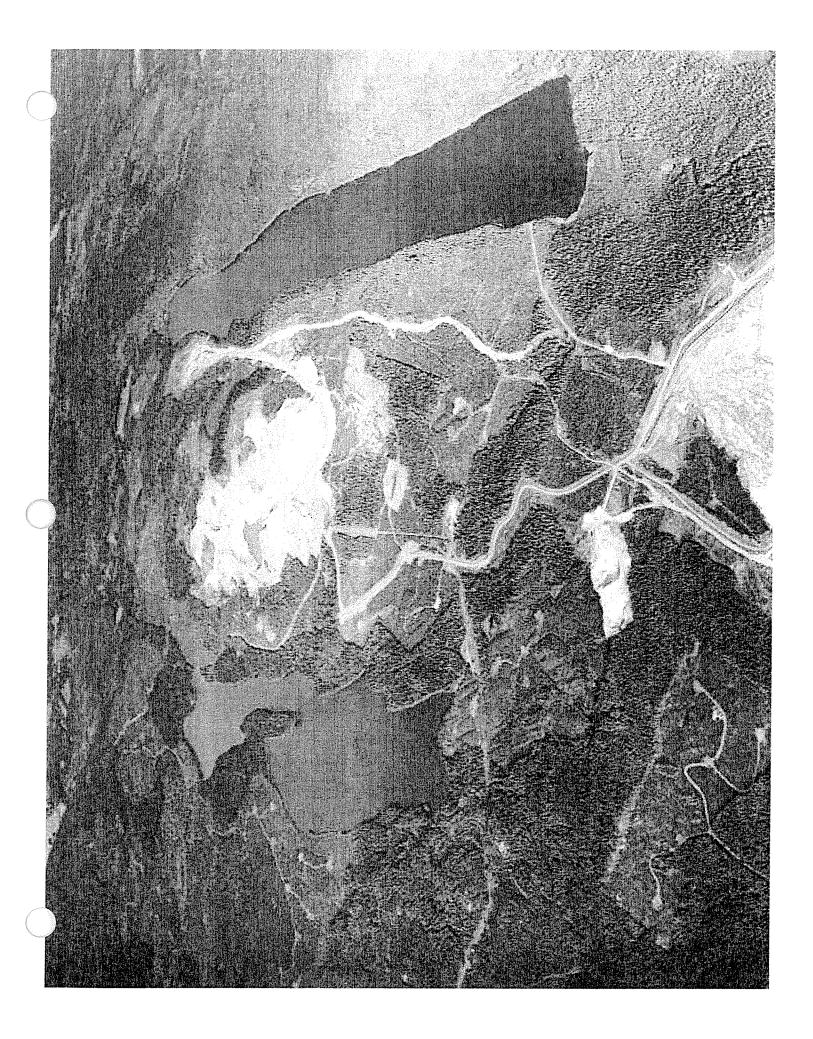


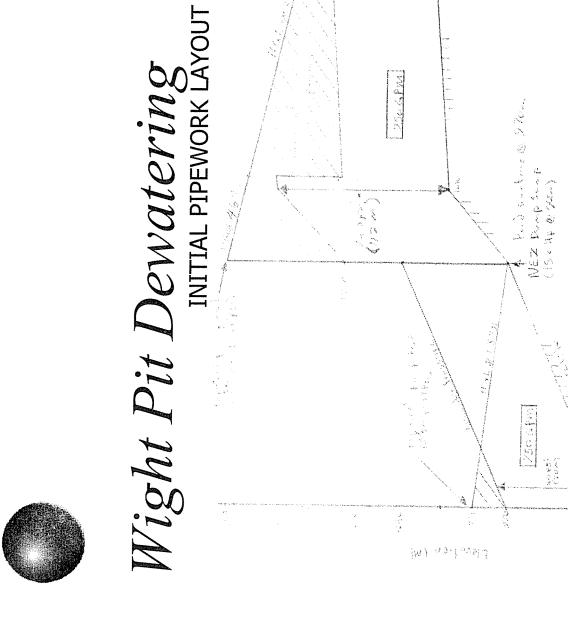
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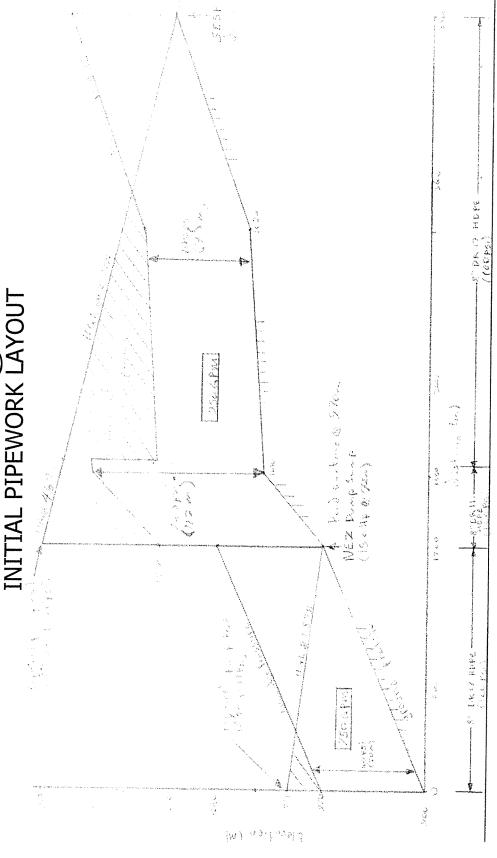
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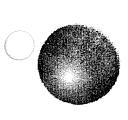




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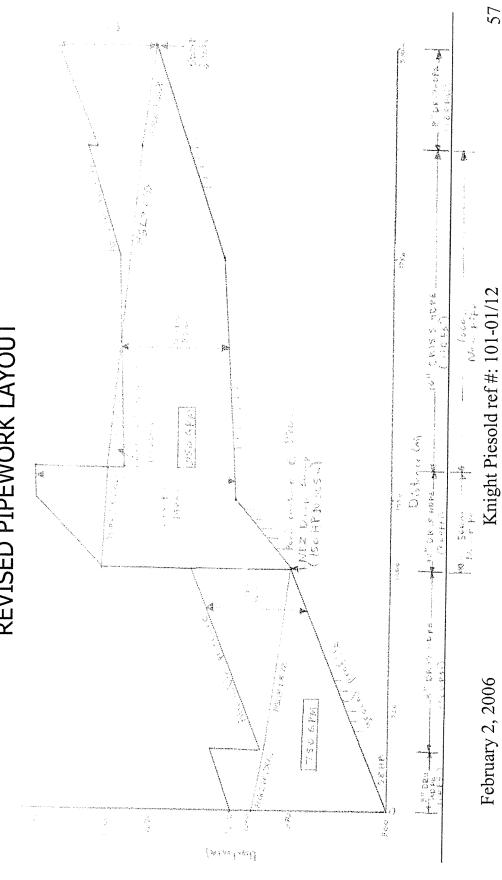
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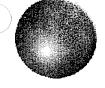
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Wight Pit Dewatering

REVISED PIPEWORK LAYOUT





Wight Pit Dewatering

- Design flows based on peak month.
- *Existing 8" DR17 and DR11 can be used between pit surface and sump and sediment pond (750GPM)
- Pump head between pit and sediment pond can be provided by an existing 58
- New large diameter, higher pressure pipe (12" DR9, 10" DR155 or similar required between sediment pond and ditch.
- Pumping at sediment pond requires 150HP for 950 GPM design flow,
- At lower flows pumps will cycle on/off.
- Sufficient storage is required to reduce cycle frequency.