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Mr. Brian Kynoch  
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Dear Brian,

**Re: Mt. Polley Project**  
**Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance**  
**Manual for Stage Ia, El. 927 m**

We are pleased to submit 2 copies of the Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual. We have updated this document as per the comments we received from you, Malcolm Swallow and Don Parsons. Please note that this document is only intended to support an application for storing water behind the Stage Ia starter dam during the 1997 freshet. Since mill start-up is scheduled for the end of May, the impoundment will only be operated as a water retention structure for a very short period of time (about 2 months) prior to tailings deposition. Therefore, this Stage Ia report is only intended to support an MPMC application for storing runoff from the mine development and to allow water extraction from Polley Lake during the 1997 freshet.

This document is scheduled to be updated by April 15, 1997, when it will include additional information for operation, maintenance and surveillance of the impoundment as a tailings retention facility for Stage Ib (El. 934 m) and subsequent raises. The Stage Ib OMS Manual will be required to support an application for discharge of tailings into the tailings impoundment.



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Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Yours very truly,  
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. G. Headley (+2 copies report)  
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