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Dear Sir:

Re: Construction Approval Request for Tailings Dam Works

Mount Polley Mining Corporation (MPMC) received Permit No. M-200 Permit Approving the Work System and Reclamation Program dated September 23, 1996. That amendment approved Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) design revisions and construction to elevation 934 metres. The TSF construction has not been addressed in the latest M-200 amendment dated July 11, 1997.

MPMC proposes construction of the Stage 2a lift of the Perimeter and Main Embankments to elevation 936 metres and Stage 2b haulroad during spring 1998. Based on our most current water balance information, Stage 2b lift to elevation 938 metres is now proposed for spring 1999. The scope of work for the Stage 2c raise to elevation 940 metres has been planned.

Knight Piesold Ltd. has provided the three reports for your perusal;

- *Report on Stage 1a/1b Construction* (Ref. No. 10162/7-5) dated August 14, 1997
- *Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual for Stage 1b Embankment (El. 934m)* (Ref. No. 10162/7-3) dated November 24, 1997
- *Report on On-Going Construction Requirements* (Ref. No. 10162/9-3) dated December 2, 1997.

We trust that the information is sufficient for you to provide approval for TSF construction to elevation 940 metres. Please contact the undersigned or Mr. Ken Brouwer of Knight Piesold Ltd. if you require additional information or clarification.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Parsons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Don Parsons

Mine Superintendent

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cc: Brian Kynoch, Imperial Metals Corporation
Ken Brouwer, Knight Piesold Ltd.
Dave Pow, Ministry of Energy and Mines