



March 16, 2010

Permit No. M-200  
Mine No. 1101163

Mr. Tim Fisch  
Mount Polley Mine Manager  
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting a copy of the 2008 annual dam safety inspection report prepared by Knight Piesold dated February 25, 2009. The report satisfies the requirements of Section 10.5.3 of the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC.

The Ministry requires a response to the following:

- Confirm that there would be no significant loss or deterioration of *important* fish or wildlife habitat in the event of a tailings dam failure and release of tailings downstream and provide basis for this assessment.
- Confirm that 1.4 m freeboard is maintained in the tailings impoundment for flood control.
- Update tailings impoundment water balance.
- Confirm that additional slope inclinometers have been installed or provide schedule.
- Submit copy of updated OMS manual for the tailings facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Howe, A/Deputy Chief Inspector at 250-952-0183 or Chris Carr at 250-382-8830.

Yours truly,

Chris Carr, P.Eng.  
Inspector of Mines, Geotechnical

cc Diane Howe (A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Permitting and Reclamation)  
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