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Dear Madam/ Sir:

Re: Approval of Geotechnical Evaluation Proposed Main Waste Dump and Geotechnical Design for Ice-Rich Overburden Dump Plans

Pursuant to section 9.1.1 of Quartz Mining Licence QML-0001 (QML), you have submitted detailed designs for the main waste dump and for an ice-rich overburden material dump (the "IROM Dump") to the Chief, Mining Land Use (the "Chief"), for review and approval. These plans were received and date stamped by my office on January 24th, 2006 and January 30th, 2006 respectively.

The designs were contained in two reports – *Geotechnical Evaluation Proposed Main Waste Dump Minto Project Yukon Territory*, dated April, 1998, and *Geotechnical Design Ice-Rich Overburden Dump Minto Mine, Minto, YT*, dated January 2006. Both were prepared by EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. and were sealed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the Yukon, as required by section 9.1.1 of the QML

I, in my capacity as Chief, have reviewed the above-noted designs and approve them subject to the conditions noted below. Pursuant to section 9.1.2 of the QML, Minto Explorations Ltd is authorized to construct and use the IROM Dump and the Main Waste Dump in accordance with the designs submitted and subject to the following terms and conditions.

IROM Dump

1. The confining embankment of the IROM Dump must be examined by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the Yukon (the "engineer") to ensure that it has been constructed in accordance with the design described in *Geotechnical Design Ice-Rich Overburden Dump Minto Mine, Minto, YT* (the "approved IROM design") and to ensure its stability.
2. A written report of the engineer summarizing the results of the examination referred to in paragraph 1 must be submitted to the Chief within 10 days of its preparation.
3. No material may be placed in the dump until
 - a. the engineer has determined that the dump's confining embankment has been constructed in accordance with the approved design; and
 - b. the report referred to in paragraph 2 has been submitted to the Chief.

4. Any materials placed in the dump must be placed in accordance with the approved IROM design.
5. The total volume of material placed in the IROM dump must not exceed, at any one time, 420,000 cubic yards [321,113 cubic metres].
6. A construction quality assurance program must be prepared and implemented in accordance with section 6.7 of the approved IROM design. A report describing the program must be forwarded to the Chief prior to the construction of the confining embankment associated with the dump.
7. A monitoring program must be prepared and implemented as described in section 7.0 of the approved IROM design. Results of the monitoring must be included in the annual report as required in section 16.0 of the QML.
8. The location and limits of the IROM Dump as set out in the approved IROM design shall not be changed without prior approval by the Chief.

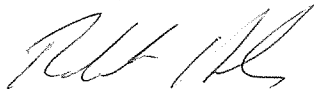
Main Waste Dump

1. The main waste dump and its foundation must be constructed in accordance with the design described in *Geotechnical Evaluation Proposed Main Waste Dump, Minto Project Yukon Territory* (the "approved waste rock dump design").
2. A professional engineer, licensed to practice in the Yukon (the "engineer"), must conduct an annual physical inspection to determine whether the main waste dump has been constructed in accordance with the approved waste rock dump design.
3. The Licensee shall include in the annual report, required in section 16.0 of the QML, a written report by the engineer summarizing the results of the inspection referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The total volume of material placed in the dump must not exceed, at any one time, 15,200,000 cubic yards [11,621,233 cubic metres].
5. In addition to the annual physical inspection of the dump that must be conducted in accordance with section 9.3.2 of the QML, the dump must be inspected by an engineer during spring thaw and following any events with greater than 25 mm precipitation in a 24 hour-period. Should any performance issues be identified, the Licensee must undertake the appropriate remedial action immediately.
6. The inspector must be advised of any performance or instability issues in accordance with paragraph 5, and be advised, as soon as possible, should any remedial action be required to be undertaken.
7. The location and limits of the Main Waste Dump as set out in the approved waste rock design shall not be changed without prior approval by the Chief.

For greater certainty, in reviewing and approving the submitted designs, I have relied upon the seal of the engineer who prepared the designs and neither I nor the Yukon Government make any representations or warranties as to the sufficiency or adequacy of these designs. Further, you are reminded that my approval pertains only to my responsibilities under the *Quartz Mining Act* and that all work undertaken in relation to the construction and use of both dumps must comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and related regulations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (867) 667-3126.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Holmes'.

Robert Holmes,
Director, Mineral Resources

c: William Dunn, Sherwood Copper Corporation
Dan Cornett, Access Mining Consultants Ltd.
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Chair, Yukon Water Board
Kevin McDonnell, Chief Water Resources