



April 15, 2008

Mr. Gordon Peeling  
President and CEO  
The Mining Association of Canada  
1105-350 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, ON K1R 7S8

Dear Mr. Peeling:

Re: Letter of Assurance Kidd Metallurgical Site

Xstrata Copper Canada has a process in place to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to the Company's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Performance Indicators.

The "TSM Verification Process" included an independent review performed by Rubinoff Environmental. The verifier assessed the company's reported TSM performance indicator results as measured against the requirements of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Performance Indicators at our Kidd Metallurgical operation.

The review confirms that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2007 fairly state the company's performance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Facility Crisis Management Preparedness: review was downgraded to no as two of the eleven criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- b. Facility Crisis Management Review: review was downgraded to no as two of the four criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- c. Facility Crisis Management Training: review was downgraded to no as one of the two criteria was not met during the 2007 period.
- d. External Outreach Reporting: was reduced from 3 to 2, no formal reporting system in place for community engagement and dialogue.
- e. GHG Emissions Reporting Systems: was reduced from 3 to 2, there is no evidence that GHG emissions are regularly reported to management.
- f. Tailings Management System: was reduced from 4 to 3, no internal audit was conducted on the tailings management system.
- g. Annual Tailings Management Review: was reduced from 3 to 2, no formal annual review of the tailings management system.
- h. Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual: was reduced from 3 to 2, the Operations Manual is not in conformance with MAC's guidelines.

We agree with the changes and have modified our evaluations accordingly.

Yours truly,

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Claude Ferron  
Chief Operation Officer  
Xstrata Copper Canada



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Dear Mr. Peeling:

Re: Letter of Assurance CCR Refinery

Xstrata Copper Canada has a process in place to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to the Company's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Performance Indicators.

The "TSM Verification Process" included an independent review performed by Rubinoff Environmental. The verifier assessed the company's reported TSM performance indicator results as measured against the requirements of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Performance Indicators at our CCR operation.

The review confirms that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2007 fairly state the company's performance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Facility Crisis Management Preparedness: review was downgraded to no as four of the eleven criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- b. Facility Crisis Management Review: review was downgraded to no as three of the four criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- c. Community of Interest Identification (COI): was reduced from 4 to 2, there was no formal and documented system in place for COI identification that includes challenging interests.

We agree with the changes and have modified our evaluations accordingly.

Yours truly,

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Claude Ferron  
Chief Operation Officer  
Xstrata Copper Canada



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Dear Mr. Peeling:

Re: Letter of Assurance Horne Smelter

Xstrata Copper Canada has a process in place to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to the Company's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Performance Indicators.

The "TSM Verification Process" included an independent review performed by Rubinoff Environmental. The verifier assessed the company's reported TSM performance indicator results as measured against the requirements of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Performance Indicators at our Horne smelter operation.

The review confirms that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2007 fairly state the company's performance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Facility Crisis Management Planning Review: review was downgraded to no as two of the four criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- b. Facility Crisis Management Planning Training: review was downgraded to no as two criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- c. Community of Interest Identification (COI): review was reduced from 3 to 2, there was no formal and documented system in place for COI identification that includes challenging interests.
- d. GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Target: was reduced from 2 to 1, there was no GHG emission intensity improvement target set for 2007.
- e. Tailings Management System: was upgraded from 1 to 2, tailings management system implemented but not in conformance with MAC's Guide.
- f. Annual Tailings Management Review: was reduced from 2 to 1, no formal annual review of the tailings management system.

We agree with the changes and have modified our evaluations accordingly.

Yours truly,

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Dear Mr. Peeling:

Re: Letter of Assurance Kidd Mine Site

Xstrata Copper Canada has a process in place to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to the Company's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Performance Indicators.

The "TSM Verification Process" included an independent review performed by Rubinoff Environmental. The verifier assessed the company's reported TSM performance indicator results as measured against the requirements of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Performance Indicators at our Kidd Mine operation.

The review confirms that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2007 fairly state the company's performance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Facility Crisis Management Preparedness: review was downgraded to no as four of the eleven criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- b. Facility Crisis Management Review: review was downgraded to no as two of the four criteria were not met during the 2007 period.
- c. Facility Crisis Management Training: review was downgraded to no as two criteria were not met in 2007.
- d. Community of Interest Identification (COI): was increased from 1 to 2, meet all requirements for level 2.
- e. Effective COI Engagement and Dialogue: was increased from 1 to 2, meet all requirements for level 2.
- f. External Outreach Reporting: was reduced from 3 to 2, no formal reporting systems in place for community engagement and dialogue.
- g. Energy Intensity Performance Target: was reduced from 3 to 1, no energy intensity improvement target set for 2007.
- h. GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Target: was reduced from 2 to 1, no GHG emissions intensity improvement target set for 2007.

We agree with the changes and have modified our evaluations accordingly.

Yours truly,

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Claude Ferron  
Chief Operation Officer  
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