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Dear Stakeholder,

Teck Cominco Alaska has prepared a draft Fugitive Dust Risk Management Plan (RMP). The plan will address dust issues identified in several programs and planning efforts:

- Effects of fugitive dust identified in Teck Cominco's November 2007 DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment for areas surrounding the mine boundary, road, and port
- Effects of fugitive dust within the mine's solid waste boundary, evaluated as part of the closure and reclamation planning process
- Fugitive dust issues identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and Teck Cominco
- Fugitive dust considerations identified in the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Aqqaluk Pit Extension.

The purpose of this plan is to define and implement actions to minimize the potential for effects to human health and the environment from fugitive dust from the Red Dog operation (including the mine, road, and port). The draft plan defines objectives to achieve this overall goal. It also defines the scope for preparation of individual implementation plans to accomplish these objectives. These implementation plans are expected to include the following:

- Communication Plan
- Dust Emissions Reduction Plan
- Remediation Plan
- Monitoring Plan
- Uncertainty Reduction Plan
- Worker Dust Protection Plan.

The draft RMP includes ideas, comments, and suggestions gathered during the risk management planning workshop held in March 2008 in Kotzebue. Now that the draft plan has been prepared, we once again invite you to provide your input to this process.

We encourage you to review and provide comments on this draft RMP. A copy can be downloaded from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation website, at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm>. This website also includes background information and related documents, such as the DMTS fugitive dust risk assessment. Information about the reclamation and closure planning efforts is located on the Alaska Department of Natural Resources website at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/reddog/>. The MOU and related information and reports are located on the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation website at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/reddog.htm>. Information about the SEIS can be found at <http://www.reddogseis.com/>.

The Risk Management Plan is a voluntary effort by Teck Cominco to make our internal management of fugitive dust issues as effective as possible. Although the plan is a voluntary effort, there are some specific parts for which DEC will manage the comments and ensure that responsive follow-up is provided by Teck Cominco. In particular, DEC will oversee responsiveness on portions of the plan related to effects identified in the DMTS fugitive dust risk assessment. These include vegetation monitoring for metals concentrations, and monitoring of the health of the vegetation community (see Sections 2.3.3.2 and 5.4.2.2 of the RMP).

The expected comment period will be 45 days beginning approximately in late August and ending in early October 2008. The exact times of the public notice will be posted by ADEC on their webpage and in the Anchorage Daily News, Fairbanks Daily News Miner, and the Kotzebue Sounder. For the sake of simplicity for reviewers, all comments will be received by ADEC, who will forward all comments to Teck Cominco. Please provide your comments to:

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In addition to the opportunity to provide written comments during the public comment period, Teck Cominco, in coordination with ADEC, will host informal open houses at Kivalina and Noatak to describe the risk management plan and gather input from citizens. Teck Cominco will coordinate with local residents at Kivalina and Noatak to determine what times and locations will best accommodate those residents. Once the times and locations are arranged, Teck Cominco will provide notice of the meetings to residents of Kivalina and Noatak.

Thank you in advance for taking time to review the Risk Management Plan. We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions on this plan, as we believe they will help make the RMP stronger.

Sincerely,  
Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated



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Environmental Superintendent