

EXHIBIT NL-11

August 14, 2008

Mr. Dan Michielsens
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Re: Former Asarco Mine Site, Buchans, NL - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Dear Mr. Michielsens:

As per your letter of April 22, 2008 and our more recent discussions on Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), I would like to confirm that, as requested, Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada (ACCC) plans to conduct additional activities in a phased approach to identify potential areas of concern (AOCs) posed by past mining operations at the above-mentioned location (the "Site").

We have retained AMEC Earth & Environmental, a division of AMEC Americas (AMEC) to conduct a Phase I ESA in accordance with CSA Standard Z768-01 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. The ESA will be performed to confirm all known AOCs and to identify any additional AOCs not previously known to ACCC or the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation (NLDOEC), if any, and, subject to the following limitations:

- o The Site to be assessed is defined as all areas within the Asarco Mine Site which were included in the Environmental Compliance Schedule - Buchans Co-Tenancy (November 25, 1991 and amended November 1, 1994). This is the work plan associated with the Buchans Mine Action Plan;
- o The Site also includes AOCs raised over the past year, namely, the Tin Can Curve landfill, the culvert section of Mucky Ditch and the former railway "Y" area;
- o The Site specifically excludes areas that were not identified in the Environmental Compliance Schedule - Buchans Co-Tenancy, namely:
 - All Town infrastructure (except for the culvert section of Mucky Ditch);
 - The municipal landfill (s);

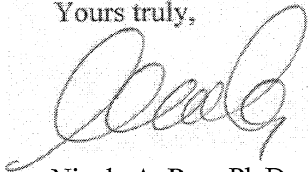
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The railway line from Buchans to Botwood (except for the former railway "Y" area);
The former Botwood facilities;
All areas and facilities that have been transferred, operated or potentially impacted by third parties after the mine closure in 1984, including Buchans Enterprises, Buchans River Ltd and Atlantic Barite Ltd; Buchans Lake dam and infrastructure;
Buchans River, below the Highway Bridge.

As part of the Phase I ESA, AMEC will also perform a preliminary risk screening of each AOC to determine the need for subsequent Phase II ESA work. The risk screening will identify if there is any potential for exposure and impact to human health and/or to the environment. The results of this screening assessment as well as recommendations for next steps, as appropriate, will be included in a Phase I ESA report to be submitted to NLDOEC for review and concurrence.

Should you have any comments or wish to discuss the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



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