



April 20, 2001

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Dear Mr. Semjanovs:

**Re: MVEIRB File EA00-002 - Prairie Creek Mine
Drill Program Environmental Assessment**

I write to again express our continuing concerns with respect to the ongoing delays in the processing of the Environmental Assessment of our application to conduct a 6 - 7 hole mineral exploration drilling program at our Prairie Creek Mine.

It is my understanding that the Review Board met to consider the Drill Program EA on April 5 and immediately thereafter forwarded its recommendation to its counsel for legal review. It is further my understanding that the Review Board's legal counsel has still not completed this review, hence the recommendation has still not been forwarded to the Minister. We are now 20 days beyond the milestone date set for completion of the EA in the Work Plan of December 22, 2000.

As we have previously indicated, the protracted delay in getting approval to undertake a simple 6 - 7 hole exploration drilling program, now 9 months since the initial application was made, has seriously hampered the Company's ability to plan our successive programs and secure financing to support ongoing mineral exploration and development activity. Senior management of the Company are currently in London, England meeting with representatives of the investment community, but remain unable to even advise as to the status of this long over due permit.

By this letter we request the Review Board direct its counsel to give immediate attention to this matter and then forward the recommendation report to the Minister in as expeditious a manner as possible.

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By copy of this letter we also request the Land and Water Board to be prepared to issue the permit, assuming this to be the Review Board's recommendation, in a similarly expeditious manner as soon after the 10 day hold period as possible.

Should there be any reasons for further delay by either Board, we respectfully request that we be advised in writing at your earliest convenience as to the nature of the reasons for these delays.

Yours very truly,

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