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APPLICATION QZ09-092 –

**Response to Review for Adequacy and
Supplemental Information**

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**Minnow Letter Re: Clarification of Intended Minnow Reports
(Q-2)**

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Attention: Mr. Robert McIntyre

Re: Clarification of Intended Use of Minnow Reports

Dear Mr. McIntyre;

As you are aware, Minnow Environmental Inc. (Minnow) has completed the following reports for Access Consulting Group;

1. Water Quality Assessment Report for United Keno Hill Mines. Prepared for Elsa Reclamation and Development Company, Whitehorse, YT, July 2008.
2. Aquatic Resource Assessment Report for United Keno Hill Mines. Prepared for Elsa Reclamation and Development Company, Whitehorse, YT, March 2009.

These reports were prepared for the Elsa Reclamation and Development Company (ERDC) in support of the closure of UKHM. They summarize baseline conditions based on existing information available at the time of their preparation. They are relevant to the Bellekeno mine, insofar as they provide baseline information for the Bellekeno project area. Conclusions and recommendations from these reports are not relevant to the Bellekeno Mine but rather are intended to be considered in the context of the closure plan.

In addition to the reports noted above, Minnow is also in the process of completing a Long-Term Aquatic Monitoring Program (LTAMP) report in support of the closure plan. This report entitled "*Long-Term Aquatic Monitoring Program for United Keno Hill Mine*" is currently in draft form and the monitoring design will not be finalized for a few years when sufficient water quality data is available. The scope of this report pertains to the long-term district-wide closure monitoring for the UKHM and does not have material relative to the Bellekeno Mine project nor was the Bellekeno Mine project considered in its development. Further, the recommendations and conclusions of this report will not change in light of the outcome/findings of the modeling and environmental management plans for the Bellekeno Mine.

In summary, the initial two reports prepared by Minnow may be relevant to the Bellekeno project in that they summarize baseline information for the region which includes part of the Bellekeno

study area. However, the long-term aquatic monitoring program was not developed in light of the Bellekeno Mine and it is not appropriate to extrapolate the findings of this study to the Bellekeno Mine Project. The LTAMP is intended for the assessment of the district-wide closure plans.

I trust that the above provides clarity on the intended use of the project work we have conducted for Access Consulting Group. However, should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Minnow Environmental Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Russel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Cynthia Russel, B.Sc.

President

