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**Technical Memorandum from Independent**  
**Peer Review Panel, February 1, 2008**

## **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Mr. Stephen Mead, Yukon Government  
Mr. Mike Nahir, Technical Manager  
Faro Project Management Team**

**FROM: Independent Peer Review Panel - Faro Mine Closure  
Project**

**DATE: February 1, 2008**

**RE: Review of Draft SRK Report - Options for Closure of Faro  
Mine Complex**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

On Tuesday January 29 2008, the Independent Peer Review Panel (Panel) for the Faro Mine Closure Project met with the Technical Advisors for the Project in the offices of SRK Consulting (SRK) in Vancouver, B.C. to discuss the Draft SRK Report entitled *Options for Closure of the Faro Mine Complex*. The draft report was provided to the Panel on January 22, 2008.

The purpose of the January 29 meeting was to allow the Panel:

1. to review the current suite of closure options to ensure they are technically feasible and adequately characterized with respect to risks and costs,
2. to verify key areas of discrimination between options as determined by the Core Assessment Team, and
3. to offer an opinion as to the suitability of the five remaining remediation options forming a technical basis for identifying a preferred remediation option.

The entire Panel with the exception of Dr. Bill Price was present together with Technical Advisors from the consulting firms of Brodie Consulting Limited and SRK and representatives from both the Yukon Government and INAC. This was the second meeting and update of the Panel since the Stakeholder meeting held in Vancouver in late March 2007.

### **II. FINDINGS**

The Panel agrees the proposed single option for remediation of the Faro Mine Area is appropriate resulting in three remaining remediation options for the combined Faro Mine and Rose Creek Tailings Areas and two remediation options for the Vangorda/Grum Mine Area.

The Panel found the five remaining remediation options had been developed and described to a level appropriate for further assessment by Stakeholder groups with the goal of identifying a preferred remediation option by federal, territorial and First Nations governments.

The following statements constitute the resultant findings of the Panel associated with its review of the draft SRK report:

- The range of remediation options described encompasses those the Panel considers potentially technically viable and applicable.
- All of the remaining remediation options are capable of achieving the same water quality objectives in the downstream receiving environment, regardless of the metal loading from the various potential sources.
- The Technical Advisors have adequately addressed the issues raised by the Panel in their April 2007 Final Report *Review of Remediation Alternatives for the Anvil Range Mining Complex*.
- The level of remediation option development is sufficient for the purposes of understanding the technical issues and associated costs allowing the process of selecting a preferred remediation option to proceed.
- The Initial Options Assessment supported by a multi-attribute analysis has been completed, forming a suitable basis upon which the process leading to selection of a preferred remediation option can be completed.
- The Panel anticipates during the development of the detailed remedial action plan, additional engineering and analyses will be applied in the further optimization of elements of the plan within the general framework of the description of the preferred remediation option.