Ministry of Energy and Mines

Thursday, September 7, 2014

Dale Reimer, Mine Manager
Mount Polley Mining Corp. – Imperial Metals
Likely, BC

Dear Mr. Reimer:

Re: STOP WORK ORDER – Excavator removing rock from toe of dam

The following order is issued to protect the integrity of the tailings dam impoundment.

At 8:54am on Sept. 7/14, a Caterpillar Excavator was observed, by myself and Inspector Cheryl Pocklington, removing a loaded bucket from the toe of the tailings dam at N 52.51992 W 121.59454.

was immediately requested to attend the site and was informed by myself this activity of removing any materials from the dam will cease and desist immediately and no further excavation of the tailing dam toe shall take place without the expressed approval of a geotechnical engineer. Excavation was ceased at the time of the verbal order.

As per HSR Code 10.1.5, 10.1.8, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.6.7, all tailings storage facilities shall meet the requirements of the Canadian Dam Association, Dam Safety Guidelines.

The manager shall ensure that no excavation on the toe of a tailings dam occurs without the approval of an appropriate professional engineer.

To be remedied immediately.

Yours truly,

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Greg McLean
Sr. Inspector of Mines, Mechanical

cc: Al Hoffman, Chief Inspector of Mines
George Warnock, Senior Geotechnical Inspector
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