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October 19, 1995

Bill Diment
Mine Manager
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Dear Mr. Diment:

RE: WESTERN MINES ROAD

Further to our discussion, this confirms that Westmin Resources Ltd. will retain full responsibility to provide routine winter road maintenance services on Western Mines Road for the 95/96 season.

Applicable Standards from our updated Maintenance Services Manual are attached for your use. Western Mines Road has a Winter Highway Classification of "C". The Standards indicate the level of service required for that designation. Please contact the Ministry's Area Manager, Doug Wright, if you have any questions regarding these standards or their interpretation.

I have also asked Mr. Wright to ensure Western Mines Road is included on his inspection schedule to assure the level of service provided meets the prescribed standard. You may expect to hear from Mr. Wright throughout the season to discuss his findings in support of our mutual objective to provide safe and efficient roadway maintenance.


Further, we are interested in formalizing a road maintenance agreement that clarifies Westmin and Ministry responsibilities for the longer term. I will be in touch with you once a draft document is prepared.

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I would also like to advise that a new maintenance contractor, Mainroad North Island Contracting Ltd., has assumed maintenance responsibilities for the North Island service area, effective September 8, 1995. Their Roads Manager, Mr. Rick Gill, is the company's maintenance representative for the Campbell River/Gold River area. Mr. Gill can be reached at 286-6698 or 950 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 2E4 and would be pleased to assist with any other maintenance issues pertaining to this route.

I appreciate your positive comments regarding recent improvements to the road. Your input continues to be most beneficial in identifying candidate activities for our betterment programs.

Yours truly,


Mike Proudfoot
District Highways Manager

MP/sp

Attachments:

cc: Doug Wright, Area Manager
Ron Lampard, District Manager, Ministry of Environment Lands & Parks
Darcy Byers, P.Eng., Regional Manager, Maintenance & Rehabilitation Services
David Ching, General Manager, Mainroad North Island Contracting Ltd.