

From: s.22  
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 09:19  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Polley Mine

Dear Premier Clark

I watched the news conference last week announcing the results of the water testing below the Mt. Polley tailings dam breach. At that conference, you and Ministers Bennett and Polak called upon anyone to step forward who had information to provide about the issue. It seemed to be a genuine and strong attempt to get to the bottom of the problem.

Soon after a former employee announced his concerns about past construction practices, Minister Bennett described him as a disgruntled former employee in an attempt to discredit his comments. This is was an appalling response from the Minister who is supposed to be undertaking an unbiased review of the occurrence. The same minister who describes the tailings sludge as "sand" in order to spin the impression that it is benign. Yes, there are rock particles that are of sand consistency, but there are many other metals and chemicals in the slurry. The company's own submissions to the federal government prove that. As well, the engineering company who designed the dam warned about future operating practices and the new engineering company of record is reputed to have order improved design specifications. Perhaps the former employee has a right to be disgruntled. I am a disgruntled citizen watching this scenario unfold.

You and the rest of the government officials must stop being apologists for this company. Find out if they put profits ahead of proper management and gambled with the health of the environment and the people downstream and lost. As a citizen, I expect this and more from my government.

I have worked as a consultant in the mining industry and I support well run and conscientious companies and recognize the need for the industry in general. But we must not tolerate companies who will risk our future with poor operating practices. You must increase the number of mine inspections and the quality of work performed by your ministry that has been woefully understaffed for years. Failure to properly regulate the mining industry is an abrogation of public duty and is unacceptable. Poorly run companies that glean large profits while gambling with our environment must not be tolerated. The industry is risky enough even when well-managed.

I trust that you will take proper action once all of the facts are in.

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From: s.22  
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2014 18:55  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Likely  
Importance: High

Dear Premier Clark,

I watched your interview on Global. I am concerned with your comments about "minimal cost to taxpayers" and the low bond value of \$13 million dollars the company has in place when clearly this will be \$100 million at least - to start.

The second comment which raised my concern level to a new height was that of one of the chiefs that any chance of reopening the mine in her opinion is absolutely never going to happen based on her understanding and interpretation of Aboriginal land rights.

Those two comments and my background in business tell me that the Province should immediately look at ways to take control of all the assets of this mining company. I know that it is a big step - but I know enough to suspect the major shareholders and executive will have divested themselves of major blocks of shares already and would not hesitate to sell off the remaining assets to other mining companies.

Call me paranoid Premier if you like - I think in a practical albeit "kinky" way knowing they will too.

(I would send this to Bill Bennet but based on a lack of address on his web page it appears he chooses not to use email - really?)

Sincerely

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