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Dear Ms. Lischewski,

My colleague, the Honourable Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, has forwarded to me a copy of your letter, regarding the acid mine drainage originating from the Tulsequah Chief Mine site in northern British Columbia.

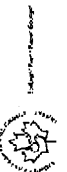
I note that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has addressed your concerns with respect to the ongoing environmental assessment of the site and the issues you raised concerning the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Consequently, I will limit my response to those issues which are administered by Environment Canada - specifically the enforcement of subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*.

Environment Canada enforcement officials in the Pacific and Yukon region have been conducting ongoing inspections and monitoring at the Tulsequah mine site with respect to the acid rock drainage (ARD) issue since 1998. These activities resulted in the issuance of an Inspector's Direction in 2002 requiring the mine site to be compliant with subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act* by September 2003. Redfern Resources Ltd. has since applied for an extension of the compliance date of that Direction to June 2005, to enable the company to implement a number of measures to mitigate the ARD.

Environment Canada has reviewed the remedial activities which have been taken to date by Redfern Resources Ltd. at this site, and its proposal for further work, including milestones and commitments, which it has submitted in support of its request for an extension to the compliance date for the Inspector's Direction. Based on that review, Environment Canada has extended the compliance date as requested by Redfern to June 2006, on the conditions that the company submit to Environment Canada a monthly activity report

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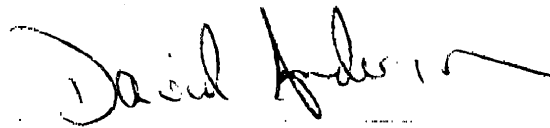
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detailing the progress of the remedial work and a report on milestones and deliverables. Padform has been advised that by June 30, 2005, the Tulequean mine site must be in compliance with subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act* as required in the original Inspector's Direction.

I appreciate your interest in this matter, and hope that my comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Anderson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.