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HECLA MINING COMPANY
6500 MINERAL DR - STE 200
COEUR D'ALENE ID 83815-9408

Re: Request for Annual Report for the Year 2003.

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed report form(s) for the Mine(s) referenced below need to be completed and returned to this office by January 31, 2004.

Mine Status	Mine Number	Mine Name	Contact Person
INACTIVE	M210004	ESCALANTE SILVER MINE	CHRIS GYPTON

Annual reports are required by Rules R647-3-116 and R647-4-121 of the Division's Amended and New Rules, Minerals Reclamation Program.

Reports are required regardless of annual mine activity, unless you have received a written waiver or formal release from reclamation obligations from the Division.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program