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Subject: Response to Initial Review of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Allred Mine, M/049/029 & Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Snow White Mine, S/490/030.

Dear Mr. Haddock:

I would like to ask for an extension to the deadlines to the above referenced projects.

I will get the Allred information to you within the next two weeks.

We are currently re-thinking our position on the Snow white mine. It may be our intention to begin a program of reclamation, doing limited mining, and to eventually stop mining there. We have completed most of our work on the LMO and I will be completing the application after you receive the Allred information. I may at some point ask the Division if we can do something instead of submitting a Large Mine Plan.

I hope that this meets your approval. Thank you and your staff who we work with for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Hewitt