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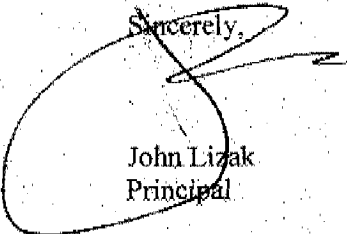
Dear Dr. Cherry:

I've been working on several industrial mineral ventures located in Nova Scotia for the last two years. During this period, the staff of the Minerals and Energy Branch has been an invaluable business resource.

My clients, our Canadian partners, and I are indebted for the ongoing assistance provided by Messrs. Finck, Prime, and Kontack. Phil Finck's tireless enthusiasm for the project, his timely technical and economic advice, and his personal assistance have been particularly exemplary. Phil's involvement has truly provided the opportunity for success in the venture.

I want to thank you and your staff for your constant adherence to the highest professional, technical, and ethical standards and your commitment to Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,



John Lizak
Principal