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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In re:)
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) TECK COMINCO ALASKA, INC.) Appeal No. NPDES 07-09
)
) Red Dog Mine)
) NPDES Permit No. AK-003865-2) MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE APPEALS
)

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ("the Region"), respectfully moves the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") to consolidate this appeal into Appeal No. NPDES 07-08. Luke Cole, counsel for the petitioner in Appeal No. NPDES 07-08, has given the undersigned counsel his consent to this motion. The undersigned counsel has also discussed this motion with co-counsel for the petitioner in this appeal (No. NPDES 07-09), Eric Fjelstad, who has indicated his intention to inform the Region by Monday, May 14, 2007, whether his client consents to this motion. The grounds for this motion are set forth below.

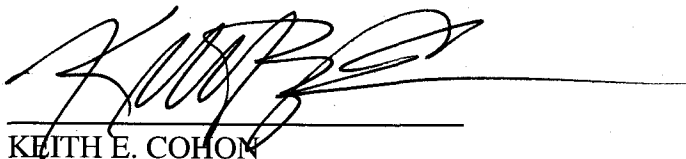
The two appeals that the Region proposes to consolidate each challenge the issuance of the same permit, NPDES Permit No. AK-003865-2. Counsel for the petitioners have indicated to the undersigned counsel that they intend to seek to intervene in one another's appeals. The Region would not oppose those interventions, as the two petitions challenge a number of the same permit limits. Maintaining separate appeals would subject the parties to duplicate or overlapping briefing requirements, and potentially inconsistent briefing deadlines. It would also

subject the EAB to receiving duplicate and overlapping briefs, and to issuing separate decisions covering many of the same permit limits in the same permit, but based on separate petitions and responses. The Region submits that it is in the interests of judicial economy, and a just resolution of these petitions, to have all of the issues pertaining to this permit briefed and decided in a single appellate proceeding that involves both petitioners.

The Region is submitting a corresponding motion in the related appeal (Appeal No. NPDES 07-08).

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of May, 2007.

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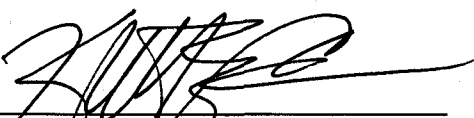
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