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Dear Barry

Thank you very much for both the answers to my questions as well as the work on getting the companies to agree on a public release. We will wait until next week for any further news on this matter.

Have a nice weekend
best regards
Lone

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IN CONFIDENCE
Dear Søren
As indicated in my e-mail yesterday, I would like to give you some further background on your question about the public release of the SIA report.

Three companies responded to our letter about whether, from their perspective, the report contained commercially sensitive information or other material that would cause them concern if the report were publicly released.

Two of the companies requested minor changes to the text which SIA is happy to make. These do not affect the conclusions of the report.

The third company, Hydrodec said that the SIA report was "appropriate in its proper context but considered that it was inappropriate for release into the public domain."

Its concern was that, if the SIA report were taken out of context, some people might think that the SIA report implied that the Hydrodec technology was not feasible for treating hazardous wastes other than the HCB Orica waste stockpile. If potential customers formed this opinion, the company would lose contracts and its commercial viability would be affected.

Of course, this was not SIA's intention. The Hydrodec process is very effective for dealing with some

hazardous wastes.
We consider that SIA has been careful in the report to acknowledge the capacity of each technology to deal with its appropriate hazardous waste stream, but understand that companies may be sensitive to the report being misinterpreted and the commercial implications.

SIA has confirmed that the issues raised by the company do not affect the conclusions of the report about the technology's incapacity to deal with the Orica HCB waste stockpile. It is happy to adjust the relevant section of the report to emphasise that its conclusions do not refer to the other waste streams. This adjustment will be minor and will not affect the conclusions regarding HCB.

On this basis, we propose to further consult with Hydrodec to see if it will agree to the public release of the amended report. Currently, we are waiting for SIA's amendments to the report and hope to have them for consultation with Hydrodec next week.

Again, we thank you for your patience and hope to have a clear response for you soon.
Best regards
Barry

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