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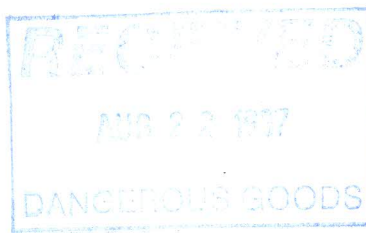
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Attention: Mr. Edwin Yee

Dear Sirs:

**Re: North West Smelting Refining Ltd.
Environmental Investigation at 2185 Logan Avenue**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 7, 1997 on behalf of our clients North West Smelting & Refining Ltd.

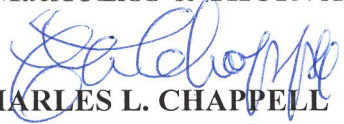
We have on file the report filed by I.D. Engineering relating to offsite contamination of the property. We shall be pleased to make same available to you but it was our understanding that same had been filed with you earlier. In any event I am most interested in the circumstances involving the excavation of the neighbouring property and the complaint filed by the City of Winnipeg Environmental Health Services Division. Please forward to us a copy of the complaint for our review.

In the meantime, I suggest that a meeting be arranged at which time we may address these issues.

Yours truly,

AIKINS, MacAULAY & THORVALDSON

Per:


CHARLES L. CHAPPELL

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cc: Mr. Gary Holt