

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. That's --

2 Q. -- that right?

3 A. -- correct. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And he lists on the following page the various
5 items, including unforeseen geological faults, excessive
6 water, poor roof and gas, excess gas, et cetera. One of
7 the difficulties I have is that that portion of his
8 letter appears to me to be a very brief, I shouldn't say
9 superficial, but certainly a very brief review of some
10 standard mining risks. I got the impression from your
11 evidence this morning that you had expected or had
12 recalled the company doing somewhat more of a detailed
13 risk analysis. This doesn't seem to reflect anything
14 specific other than Frame's comments.

15 A. I didn't intend to convey that the company had done
16 a more comprehensive assessment than this. I think what
17 I said was that CANMET had done further work beyond the
18 assessment in what is described as the "Stewart Report."
19 And I think I -- and I think that that comment in itself
20 was not correct. It was based on some documents I read
21 last night which were a melange of files that were dated
22 later than that first study.

23 So to summarize, I think I did not intend to say
24 more than this than to refer to this as the assessment
25 done for us in response to my request. And I regarded