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1 11.75 percent interest. I really can't. And I thought
2 it would be useful if we could have that information. So
3 I would think it's not what you'd call "a sweetheart
4 deal."

5 Now there's another interesting thing that would
6 support what I'm saying that this wasn't really such a
7 special deal. Curragh went out to do a private
8 placement, and I provided this, Mr. Merrick, back last
9 summer to you too. This is a memo faxed to Roy Sherwood
10 from Curragh Resources. I'm not sure what number you
11 would have on it, but --

12 Q. What's the date of it?

13 A. The date is August 30, 1991. And Curragh wanted to
14 use Nesbitt Thompson to have a private placement raised
15 of 55 million dollars.

16 It's interesting when you look what they wanted to
17 do with that 55 million dollars. They had a zinc-lead
18 mine out in Faro, and they wanted to use some money
19 there. But when you read it, they said that they wanted
20 to pay -- after expense and prepay the 12 million dollar
21 loan to the Province of Nova Scotia. They wanted to pay
22 it off. They wanted to pay it off on August 30, '91.

23 Now if this was such a special deal that we did in
24 financing, can you think of one reason why a company
25 would want to pay it off early? I think it's pretty