

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED PERSON

I, Ian Michael Candy, P.Eng., do hereby certify that:

- I. I am currently employed as Director, Non-Ferrous Pyrometallurgy by:
HATCH Associates Ltd.,
2800 Speakman Drive
Mississauga, Ontario
CANADA L5K 2R7
- II. I graduated with the degree of B.Sc. Chemical Engineering (Honours) from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1988.
- III. I am a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario.
- IV. I have worked as a metallurgical process engineer since graduating from university in 1988.
- V. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience in nickel laterite processing, I fulfill the requirements to be a "qualified person" for the purposes of NI 43-101.
- VI. I visited the Onça Puma property in November 2003.
- VII. The process design, capital and operating cost sections of the Feasibility Study (the Executive Summary) dated August 11, 2005 were prepared by qualified technical staff of Hatch under my supervision.
- VIII. I am not aware of any material fact or material change with respect to the subject matter of the Executive Summary that is not reflected in the Executive Summary, the omission to disclose which makes the Executive Summary misleading.
- IX. I am independent of the issuer applying all the tests in section 1.5 of National Instrument 43-101.
- X. I consent to the filing of the Executive Summary with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their website accessible by the public, of the Executive Summary.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2005.



Ian M. Candy, P.Eng
Director, Non-Ferrous Pyrometallurgy