

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 that this was a technically possible and safe operation
2 or merely that, in broad strokes, it was technically
3 doable?

4 A. Well, what your -- as part of your examination of
5 the various things that you have to satisfy yourself on,
6 you have to know that it is technically feasible, and
7 that the people who are describing what needs to be done
8 are satisfied that that's appropriate to the development
9 of a mine in that location. But it is far less than a
10 cast-in-stone mining plan which, of course, follows the
11 development of a project like this. This is sort of
12 project level of assurance and satisfaction, based on
13 engineering studies. But the validation comes when there
14 is a mining plan that is presented and approved by the
15 appropriate authorities provincially.

16 Q. And we'll come to that in a few minutes. If you can
17 flip over to page 8 of this memorandum, or the stamped
18 page 8, it's an annex until the title, "Financial
19 Analysis." That was attached, I assume.

20 Incidentally, just before we leave the previous
21 page, page 7, I see the handwritten note down on the
22 bottom which I assume is your handwriting --

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. -- to your Minister --

25 A. Uh-huh.