

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 started was that a mining plan or the preliminary mining  
2 plan had been filed and was being -- and the work that  
3 was ongoing was proceeding in accordance with it. I  
4 assume there was a fair amount of aboveground structure  
5 that was under way before they started to do much in the  
6 way of drives. So I don't think there was any issue of -  
7 - or a line of inquiry to say, "Prove what you have done  
8 subsequently."

9 Once you've approved a project and the role is clear  
10 that, operationally, whatever happens then is the  
11 responsibility of the Province, you would not find  
12 yourself welcome to be intervening with the Provincial  
13 authorities to say, "Prove to us that you're doing what  
14 you should be doing."

15 Q. I haven't looked in the documentation that confirms  
16 the financing arrangements with Curragh, in particular,  
17 Exhibit 62, to see if it's contained in there. Can you  
18 recall if there was anything by which the Federal  
19 Government required evidence that regulatory approval  
20 had, in fact, been given for this mine?

21 A. I don't believe so. I don't believe so.

22 Q. All right.

23 A. Yes, I think -- actually, excuse me, I think there  
24 is a -- covenants in this agreement that says that the  
25 applicant will ensure that all necessary permits,