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# **Executive Summary**

This report presents the results of the 2018 Annual Dam Safety Inspection (DSI) of the structures and features associated with the Tailings Management Area (TMA) that forms part of the closed Sä Dena Hes mine located near Watson Lake, Yukon. The only remaining tailings retaining embankment at the closed site is the North Dam. A small dyke referred to as the Sediment Retaining Structure (SRS) was also retained after closure of the site to collect any sediment that would be generated from the till cap that was placed over the exposed tailings. Other structures included in the DSI scope are a series of newly constructed (2014) riprapped lined diversion channels and the reclaimed waste rock dumps at the location of the closed portals adjacent to the Main, Jewelbox and Burnick ore zones.

The inspection was completed by Mr. Peter Healey PEng., an associate of SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., on July 24, 2018 while accompanied by Gerry Murdoch of Teck. Mr. Healey is the Engineer of Record (EoR) for the site and has been completing the annual dam inspections since 1992.

# **Summary of Facility Description**

The original TMA consisted of three earth structures, which were referred to as the North Dam, the South Dam and the Reclaim Dam. The North and South dams, which impounded the tailings, were constructed between July 1990 and October 1991. The starter dams for both structures were built to a height of about 13 metres.

In addition to the North and South Dams, a Reclaim Dam was built to detain supernatant water decanted from the tailings pond. The mine operation involved recycling of the detained water to the mill, with a controlled discharge when required into the adjacent Camp Creek from April to October each year.

Operations at Sä Dena Hes mine, which commenced in July 1991, were suspended in December 1992 due to low lead and zinc prices. Decommissioning of the site began in 2014 and was completed in 2015.

# Summary of Key Hazards and Consequences

As a required component of a dam safety inspection, the following key hazards at the site were identified and the consequences of different failure modes of the North Dam and the SRS were assessed:

- runoff from extreme precipitation events,
- seismic events,
- ice build up and debris in the SRS spillway,
- flow capacity of the SRS spillway, and
- potential for liquefaction of the tailings.

The key failure modes assessed included:

- Dam Overtopping,
- Piping,
- Slope Stability

The assessment concluded that the North Dam and the SRS Dyke are in good condition, meet current expectations and fall within acceptable guidelines for stability. None of the above failure modes are of concern.

# **Consequence Classifications**

Consequence classification is not related to the likelihood of a failure, but rather the potential impact resulting from a failure if it did occur. The last Dam Safety Review was carried out by AMECFW (now the Wood Group) in 2015. Based on this review, the CDA Dam Consequence Classification of the North Dam was changed from "Low" to "Significant". This classification does not indicate a risk of failure, but rather the consequence of failure in the extremely unlikely event of a failure. This review concluded that there were no dam safety or stability issues associated with the North Dam and that the dam was in good condition. The Consequence Classification of the Sediment Retaining Structure is "Low".

As stated in the last DSI report, the next DSR is scheduled for 2020 or 5 years from the last DSR. In the CDA 2014 guidelines, the suggested frequency for DSR's ranges from 5 to 10 years, depending on the consequences of failure and changes in the dams. A risk assessment for the site is scheduled for December 2018 and a review of the Dam Consequence Category for the North Dam and the frequency of DSR's for the site would be reviewed during this assessment.

# **Summary of Key Observations**

#### North Dam

The North Dam is in good condition and shows no signs of deformation or abnormal settling. The downstream slope of the dam shows no signs of surficial movement or erosion nor is there any sign of bulging at the downstream toe.

The piezometers and settlement gauges on the North Dam are in good condition and continue to function as designed. However, two of the piezometers are missing labelled plastic caps. The seasonal fluctuations recorded in the latter part of 2017 and in the spring and summer of 2018 in the piezometers are consistent with those observed in previous years.

The readings taken of the settlement gauges in the North Dam indicate that there has been no significant settlement of the embankment over the 24-year period that readings have been taken, with settlement readings varying to a maximum of 51 mm (or less than 1% of the total height of the dam) from the initial readings taken in 1993. In the last three years, settlement readings have fluctuated no more than 1mm.

# Sediment Retaining Structure

The SRS is in good physical condition and the spillway is functioning in accordance with design parameters.

#### **North Creek**

Beaver activity was again event at the inlet to the channel with the construction of a beaver dam. The dam raises the water level of the pond behind the structure and increases the risk of a rapid release of water that could result in erosion of the riprap protection in the channel. The dam was removed in 2018. Best Practice dictates that beaver dams be removed when identified during the routine inspections.

# **Summary of Significant Changes**

There are no significant changes to the stability of either the North Dam or the SRS since they were constructed in 1991 and 2014 respectively.

# Summary of Review of OMS and EPRP Manuals

The current OMS Manual was prepared by SRK in 2015. The manual was reviewed as part of this 2018 DSI.

Changes to the OMS manual are provided in section 5.6. The changes focus on (i) the design criteria for the North Dam and the SRS dyke based on the passive care phase of closure, (ii) key roles and responsibilities, (iii) the organization chart, (iv) Dam consequence category for the North Dam and the frequency of DSR reviews, (v) Piezometer maintenance (vi) frequency of routine inspections (vii) Beaver dams (viii) erosion monitoring pins.

The current EPRP was prepared by SRK in 2015. Changes to the plan are provided in section 5.7 of this report. The key changes relate to (i) key roles and responsibilities (ii) the organization chart.

# **Summary Table of Deficiencies and Non-Conformances**

There are no outstanding deficiencies or non-conformances from the 2017 or earlier DSI's. A list of deficiency's or non conformances noted from the 2018 dam safety inspection are summarized below:

Structure	ID No.	Deficiency or Non Conformance	Applicable Regulatory or OMS Reference	Recommended Action	Priority <sup>1</sup>	Recommended Deadline/ Status	
North Dam	2018-1	NDW-2B and 1A missing caps	OMS 5.3.2	Install plastic caps and label	3	Before end of 2018 Completed October 18, 2018 Closed	

Structure	Structure ID No. Defici Confo		Applicable Regulatory or OMS Reference	Recommended Action	Priority <sup>1</sup>	Recommended Deadline/ Status
North Creek Channel	2018-2	Beaver Dam at inlet to channel	OMS 5.6.3	Remove beaver dam in channel	3	Before End of 2018 / Completed July 26 Closed
Jewelbox Waste Rock Dump	2018-3	Erosion Gully in North east corner	OMS 6.5.6 and 5.3.1	Install additional Monitoring pins	3	Before End of 2018 / Completed July 26 Closed

#### General Description of Priority Rankings<sup>1</sup>

Priority	Description
1	A high probability or actual dam safety issue considered immediately dangerous to life, health or the environment, or a significant regulatory concern.
2	If not corrected, could likely result in dam safety issues leading to injury, environmental impact or significant regulatory action; or, a repetitive deficiency that demonstrates a systematic breakdown of procedures.
3	Single occurrences of deficiencies or non-conformances that alone would not be expected to result in dam safety issues.
4	Best Management Practice as a suggestion for continuous improvement towards industry best practices that could further reduce potential risks. This typically includes ongoing construction items within the appropriate construction cycle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code (HSRC) for Mines in British Columbia (2016 revision).

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# List of Abbreviations

AEP CDA CSP DCC DDRP DSI DSR ECCC EoR HSRC IDF	Annual Exceedance Probability Canadian Dam Association Corrugated Steel Pipe Dam Consequence Classification Detailed Decommissioning Reclamation Plan Dam Safety inspection Dam Safety review Environment Climate Change Canada Engineer of Record Health, Safety and Reclamation Code Inflow Flood Design
DSI	
DSR	Dam Safety review
ECCC	Environment Climate Change Canada
EoR	Engineer of Record
HSRC	Health, Safety and Reclamation Code
IDF	Inflow Flood Design
KCB	Klohn Crippen Berger
PGA	Peak Ground Acceleration
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood
PMP	Probable Maximum Precipitation
SRS	Sediment Retaining Structure
ТМА	Tailings Management Area
TWRS	Tailings and Water Retaining Structures

# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Purpose, Scope of Work, and Methodology

This report presents the results of the 2018 Annual Dam Safety Inspection (DSI) of the structures and features associated with the Tailings Management Area (TMA) that forms part of the closed Sä Dena Hes mine located near Watson Lake, Yukon. The work was carried out in accordance with our proposal dated March 7, 2018 and Teck PO # 9354, The current Yukon Water Licence (QZ16-051) and Teck's Guideline for Tailings and Water Retaining Structures (Teck 2014). The work was authorized by Mr. Gerry Murdoch, Teck Resources Limited (Teck).

Mr. Peter Healey PEng, an associate of SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., completed the site inspection on July 24, 2018 while accompanied by Gerry Murdoch. Mr. Healey is the Engineer of Record (EoR) for the site and has been completing the annual dam inspections since 1992.

The scope of the work consisted of:

- A visual inspection of the physical condition of the following structures and features to identify any deficiencies and non-conformances:
  - The North Tailings Dam
  - The decommissioned North Creek Dyke and Second Crossing
  - The relocated Camp Creek Diversion Channel
  - The North Channel and South Channels
  - The Sediment Retaining Structure (SRS)
  - The Burnick, Main and Jewelbox Waste Rock Dump areas
- A review of the Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual (OMS) and Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) for the TMA
- A review of the Dam Consequence Classifications
- A review of the site inspection forms provided by Teck
- A review of the piezometer and settlement records of the North Dam provided by Teck
- A review of the 2015 Dam Safety Review (DSR) carried out by AMEC Foster Wheeler (AMECFW), now the Wood Group.

It should be noted that all elevations referenced in this report are based on a datum that was established during a LiDAR survey carried out in 2012. The original site datum used to design and build the structures in the early 90's was about 2 m lower than the 2012 datum. All previous inspection reports, prior to 2014, used the 1990 datum.

This DSI addresses the performance of the TMA, the associated water management infrastructure including the Jewelbox and Main Zone open pits, and the Jewelbox, Main Zone and Burnick waste rock dumps. The work was completed in accordance with the following regulatory requirements and guidelines, which in combination, fall within Teck's internal requirements included in Teck's Tailings and Water Retaining Structures (TWRS) guideline and policy:

- Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Dam Safety Guidelines 2007 (2013 Edition)
- Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Application of Dam Safety Guidelines to Mining Dams. Technical Bulletin, 2014
- The Yukon Territory Sä Dena Hes Water Licence (QZ99-045). New Licence issued April 2017 (QZ16-051)
- The Yukon Territory Sä Dena Hes Quartz Mining Licence (QML-0004)

While the DSI is focused on the TMA, the waste rock dumps are included in the DSI in accordance with Clause 45 of the current Water Licence (QZ16-51)

# 1.3 Facility Description

#### 1.3.1 Overview

This section provides a description of the components remaining at the mine site after the TMA was decommissioned in 2014 and 2015. A map showing the overall mine site is provided on Figure 1. A general arrangement map of the TMA is provided in Figure 2.

# 1.3.2 North Dam

The North Dam is approximately 15 m high with a crest elevation of 1,100 m, a crest length of about 260 m, and a crest width of 10 m. A site plan and section through the dam are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The North Dam for this report is considered a mining dam as it is a barrier constructed for the retention of tailings (CDA 2014).

Most of the tailings lie within the northern half of the TMA above the original cofferdam, which has since been removed. The tailings behind the North Dam were capped with a till cover in 2014. The cover was graded flush with the crest of the dam and graded south toward the SRS. A few small low lying areas remain within the cover that seasonally collect water, but overall the North Dam has not retained water since the mine decommissioning was completed. Given the cover grades away from the dam crest, the dam would only need to retain ponded water under extreme conditions as discussed below.

In 2016, SRK carried out a hydrological study (SRK 2017) to assess the likelihood of overtopping of the North Dam in the event of a design flood event. The results indicated that during an extreme case, such as the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), the North Dam crest is not overtopped. Although the backwater effect arising from a blockage scenario in the central channel

does result in an increased flood extent, with ponded water reaching within a few centimetres of the dam crest, an overtopping scenario is not reached. The maximum depth of water would vary from 0.5 m in the central channel to less than 0.1 m adjacent to the upstream crest of the dam. The model predicted that during the peak of the event, water would only be lapping up against the dam for about 12 hours before it dissipates. The minimum freeboard adjacent to the low point along the upstream edge of the crest at the peak of the event varied from 5 to 8 cm.

# 1.3.3 Sediment Retaining Structure (SRS)

The SRS was constructed by leaving in place a low-profile dyke composed of the former South Dam toe material. The SRS dyke is approximately 80 m in length and has a crest width of 4 m at an approximate elevation of 1,087.7 m. The upstream face of the SRS was graded to 2H:1V and the downstream face was graded to 2.5H:1V. While the SRS is only 5 m high, for this report it is also considered a mining dam as it is a barrier constructed for the retention of ponded water (CDA 2014). The depth of water behind the structure is about 1 m.

An emergency spillway was constructed through the SRS dyke to accommodate the 1 in 1000 year Inflow Design Flood (IDF) event (5.4m<sup>3</sup>/s) and to convey runoff from the upstream catchment to the South Drainage Channel. The as-built spillway and drainage channel geometries are presented in Figures 5 and 6. The spillway channel invert elevation is 1,085.7 m and has a length of 33.3 m.

#### 1.3.4 Water Management Infrastructure

#### Overview

Three drainage channels were built as part of the 2014 TMA decommissioning (see Figure 7). The longest of the three was constructed through the former Reclaim Dam and the pond area to route Camp Creek flows along its historical alignment. The other two drainages (the North Channel and the South Channel) were constructed to direct runoff from the covered tailings areas to the new Camp Creek Drainage Channel. There is also a drainage channel located down the middle of the cover that directs runoff from the tailings cover at the northern end of the TMA.

# South Drainage Channel

The South Drainage Channel was constructed from the SRS spillway through the former South Dam and connects with the Camp Creek Drainage Channel. The channel length is about 230 m and it was installed with riprap erosion protection placed on top of a non-woven geotextile (see Figure 8). The channel is designed for the 1 in 1000-year IDF. Upstream and downstream side slopes are 2:1 (H:V). Average grade of the channel is 0.04.

# Camp Creek Drainage Channel

The Camp Creek Drainage Channel was constructed through the former Reclaim Dam and pond area to route Camp Creek flows along its historical alignment (see Figure 8). The channel length is about 940 m and it was installed with riprap erosion protection placed on top of a non-woven geotextile (see Figure 8). The channel is designed for the 1 in 1000-year IDF. Upstream and downstream side slopes are 2:1 (H:V). Average grade of the channel is 0.05.

#### North Drainage Channel

The North Drainage Channel was constructed along the east side of the former South Pond to convey water from the North Tailings Area to the SRS. Conveyed water is detained in the SRS to allow for sediments to deposit before the water is discharged into Camp Creek (see Figure 9). The channel length is about 300 m and it was installed with riprap erosion protection placed on top of a non-woven geotextile. The channel is designed for the 1 in 1000-year (IDF). Upstream and downstream side slopes are 2:1 (H:V). Average grade of the channel is 0.03.

#### North Creek

During operation of the mine, a dyke was built over the North Creek as a water storage facility for the mill. The dyke (see Figure 1 for location) was decommissioned in 2015 and a riprapped channel was built through the old dyke to convey the flow along North Creek to False Canyon Creek. A similar channel was also built downstream to convey the North Creek flow through a decommissioned access road.

#### 1.3.5 Tailings Cover

The soil cover over the tailings discussed previously varies up to 2.2 m in thickness. It covers all the exposed deposited tailings, specifically in the North Tailings Area and the tailings deposited in South Pond area. The cover was constructed of excavated dam fill material. It provides an effective means of controlling wind erosion of tailings and a growth medium over the tailings for revegetation. The cover was sloped away from the crest of the North Dam in a southerly direction towards the SRS. Water is no longer impounded behind the dam. A shallow swale was constructed down the middle of the cover to direct surface runoff on the cover to the SRS.

The total covered area of the TMA is 155,081 m<sup>2</sup>. The reclaimed North Tailings Area is 87,745 m<sup>2</sup>, the reclaimed South Pond including the grassy area is 28,444 m<sup>2</sup>, and the reclaimed Reclaim Pond is  $38,892 \text{ m}^2$ .

# 1.3.6 Waste Rock Dumps

During operation of the mine, waste rock dumps were developed at each of the main portals, associated with the Main Zone, the Jewelbox Zone and the Burnick Zone ore bodies. At closure, the portals were closed off with waste rock, and the dumps were resloped to direct runoff away from the openings and to provide more stable conditions.

# 1.4 Background Information and History

The original TMA, which extended from the North Dam to the South Dam covered an area of approximately 0.205 sq. km (Figure 2). During the operating life of the mine, approximately 700,000 tonnes of tailings were deposited into the impoundment, primarily at the northern end. The North and South dams, which impounded the tailings, were constructed between July 1990

and October 1991. The starter dams for both structures were built to a height of about 13 metres. Between the two dams, at the location of a topographic saddle, was a 2 m high cofferdam, which had a gated culvert to control the flow of water and tailings from the northern half of the impoundment to the southern half.

In addition to the North and South Dams, a Reclaim Dam was built to detain supernatant water. A decant tower, in the South Tailings Pond, was used to discharge the supernatant water in the tailings pond into the Reclaim Pond through a 0.5 m diameter corrugated steel (CSP) decant pipe. The mine operation involved recycling of the detained water to the mill with a controlled discharge, when required, into the adjacent Camp Creek from April to October each year.

An open channel emergency spillway was located at the west side of the Reclaim Pond. This spillway was designed to accommodate the design flood event from the TMA catchment only. Flow through this spillway was directed to the primary spillway system, which was part of the Camp Creek diversion channel constructed along the west side of the Reclaim Pond. This primary spillway consisted of two 1,200 mm diameter CSP culverts and was designed to accommodate the 1 in 200-year Inflow Design Flood (IDF). Camp Creek was diverted into the diversion channel and discharged through the two culverts into a riprap lined exit chute.

An emergency spillway was also located in the west abutment of the South Dam and was designed to accommodate the 200-year IDF. The spillway consisted of two 900 mm diameter CSP culverts. The discharge from the spillway entered the Reclaim Pond downstream via an unlined channel.

Two additional surface water diversions, the east and west interceptor ditches, were located on both sides of the TMA to intercept surface runoff from upslope of the TMA.

In March of 1992, the previous operators, Curragh Resources, built a rockfill buttress along the toe of the Reclaim dam to provide extra protection against sloughing and erosion of the toe due to seepage.

In September 1992, work commenced on a 2-metre raise of the South Dam to El. 1098. Work on the extension was shut down on October 14, 1992 because of the construction difficulties experienced due to sub-zero temperatures.

Operations at Sä Dena Hes mine, which commenced in July 1991, were suspended in December 1992 due to low lead and zinc prices.

During the care and maintenance period after the mine shut down in 1992, water was released from the tailings pond to the Reclaim Pond seasonally by way of syphons to maintain a safe operating level. Water was discharged from the Reclaim Pond to Camp Creek in accordance with the limits imposed by the Water License.

In 2003, Teck Cominco installed an HDPE pipeline through one of the spillway culverts as a siphon to facilitate the transfer of water from the South Tailings Pond.

With the 2014 decommissioning work, the TMA has been significantly modified. The Reclaim Dam was completely removed, and the final excavated surface of the Reclaim Dam was graded to blend into the surrounded topography.

In 2014, most of the South Dam was removed to form the Sediment Retaining Structure (SRS). The decant tower and the pipe were decommissioned and removed to the on-site landfill. The South Dam overflow spillway was decommissioned by removing the two 900 mm diameter culverts that were disposed of at the landfill. Similarly, to the decommissioning of the Reclaim Dam, the dam footprint was excavated to original ground (with exception of the SRS) and blended into the surrounded topography.

The Camp Creek Diversion Channel, exit chute, and culverts were decommissioned in 2015. The interceptor ditches were decommissioned in 2015.

Many of the access roads at the site have been decommissioned and access to the decommissioned Main Zone, Jewelbox and Burnick areas are via all-terrain vehicle or helicopter.

# 2 Construction and Operation during 2017 to 2018

After the 1992 shutdown of the mine, it never reopened and no more tailings were deposited into the TMA. Information on the decommissioning of the mine is provided in Section 1.4.

Teck conducts on-going care and maintenance of the TMA and the water management infrastructure at the site including the access road from the Robert Campbell Highway. Any trees or vegetation on the downstream slope of North Dam that do not conform to the guidelines in the OMS manual are trimmed or removed. Seepage at the toe of the North Dam is monitored monthly with sampling of water quality and measurement of flow. During the monthly inspections by the sampling team, an inspection of the North Dam and the SRS spillway is made to check for any blockages or subsidence.

# 3 Climate Data and Water Balance during 2017 to 2018

# 3.1 Review and Summary of Climate Data

This section presents the current climate data for the site. As there is no weather station at the site, the data from selected local meteorological station was used to determine the mean annual precipitation and evaporation for the site. Below reference is made to a detailed climate characterization study that was carried out by SRK (SRK, 2017) to determine mean annual total precipitation for the Project site in absence of any site-specific data.

# 3.1.1 Mean Annual Precipitation

A regional and regression analysis were performed using the nearby meteorological stations from Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The data were compiled in R Studio Software, generating the mean annual precipitation (MAP) for each station. Table 3-1 presents the station locations relative to the site, as well as their respective MAP estimate. Correction for under-catch

Station ID	Station Name	Longitude [deg]	Latitude [deg]	Elevation [m]	Dist. from Site [km]	MAP [mm]	Years of Info [yrs]	Under- Catch Factor Available	
2101200	Watson Lake A	-128.82	60.12	687.4	46.66	424.0	74	YES	
2101135	Tuchitua	-129.22	60.93	723.9	47.90	493.6	40	YES	
2100FCG	Hour Lake	-129.13	61.18	890.0	72.93	544.8	28	NO	
2101081	Swift River	-131.18	60.00	891.2	141.74	564.7	37	YES	
1191440	Cassiar	-129.83	59.28	1077.5	150.35	728.2	36	YES	
1197530	Smith River A	-126.43	59.90	673.0	151.68	466.9	25	NO	
2203922	Tungsten	-128.25	61.95	1143.0	160.38	637.0	22	NO	
2101100	Teslin A	-132.74	60.17	705.0	217.87	332.9	56	YES	
1192340	Dease Lake	-130.01	58.43	806.6	243.67	419.9	61	YES	
1195250	Muncho Lake	-125.77	58.93	836.5	248.96	508.1	40	NO	
2100200	Carcross	-134.70	60.17	660.0	324.42	248.4	60	NO	
1208202	Todagin Ranch	-130.07	57.60	899.0	334.45	419.4	18	NO	
2100460	Drury Creek	-134.39	62.20	609.0	348.27	372.9	35	YES	

 Table 3-1: Selected Meteorological Stations Associated with the Project Site (1960 to 2016)

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The regression analysis predicted a MAP for the site of 646 mm based on an elevation of 1080 masl. Monthly average precipitation for the site is summarized in Table 3-2 based on the site MAP of 646 mm and the monthly distribution from the Cassiar station (SRK 2017).

#### Table 3-2: Monthly Average Precipitation for the Site

Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Site	58.1	49.1	39.4	23.9	33.6	47.8	60.7	63.3	71.7	75.6	58.8	64.6	646

# 3.1.2 2017 Analysis

An estimate of the 2017 MAP for the site was computed and used to estimate the 2017 Water Discharge Volumes at the SRS spillway.

The Watson Lake A station was used as the reference station as it is the most representative station close to the site that is currently active. Total precipitation recorded at Watson Lake A in 2017 was reported as 313.8 mm by ECCC. Using the undercatch correction factor of 1.13 (SRK 2017), total corrected annual precipitation for 2017 at Watson Lake was 354 mm.

A ratio of Watson Lake MAP vs. calculated Site MAP was applied to convert the 2017 Watson Lake precipitation to a representative MAP for the Site. Based on the corrected undercatch MAP for Watson Lake of 479.3 mm, the adjustment factor for the site is 1.42, which equates to an approximate annual precipitation of 503 mm in 2017 at the site as shown in Table 3-3.

Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2017/Annual
Site	15.1	10.2	51.3	3.7	45.10	87.6	124	29.5	24.2	37.9	52.8	20.7	503

#### Table 3-3: Monthly Precipitation for the Site (based on 2017 Watson Lake Data)

#### 3.1.3 Evaporation

The network of evaporation stations is sparse in the Yukon and northern British Columbia. Potential evapotranspiration was calculated using the Morton (1983) methodology, utilising meteorological parameters measured at the nearby Watson Lake weather station, with solar radiation data obtained from the Whitehorse Airport station. Using this method, the annual lake evaporation rate was estimated to be 483 mm as shown in Table 3-4. Due to the limited variability of lake evaporation from year to year, the average annual values are applied in the annual water balance.

#### Table 3-4: Mean Monthly Lake Evaporation

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Morton-Shallow Lake [mm]	10.4	8.4	18.2	41.4	75.5	96.9	99.5	71.6	33.4	11.0	7.2	9.7	483.2

#### 3.2 Review and Summary of Water Balance

The TMA at Sä Dena Hes has been decommissioned and there are no active ponds other than the small sediment pond at the SRS. The SRS pond has a maximum surface area of about 1600 m<sup>2</sup> during the freshet high flow period. An emergency overflow spillway was also built through the SRS to accommodate the 1 in 1000-year flood event. The catchment area for the SRS spillway is 1.33 km<sup>2</sup> as shown on Figure 10.

A simplified mean annual average water balance calculation for the catchment above the SRS dyke is summarized below, based on data compiled for the recent SRK hydrological study (SRK 2017) and the following assumptions:

- Inflow from the surrounding hillside catchment (1.17 km<sup>2</sup>) based on 60% of the MAP
- Inflow from the tailings till cover (0.16 km<sup>2</sup>) based on 50% of the MAP
- Direct precipitation input to the SRS pond based on 100% of the MAP
- Outflow from the SRS pond based on annual pond evaporation (483 mm) and seepage losses (estimated at 0.5 l/s)

Average annual water balance from the SRS Pond:

- MAR from the hillside catchment above the SRS = 453,500 m<sup>3</sup>
- MAP on the sediment pond surface = 1034 m<sup>3</sup>
- MAR on the tailings cover material = 50,388 m<sup>3</sup>

- Total Annual Inflow: 504,900 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total Outflow (seepage and pond evaporation): 16,540 m<sup>3</sup>
- Net Annual Volume (over spillway): 488,370 m<sup>3</sup>

Using the estimated 2017 MAP for the site, the 2017 annual water balance is summarized below:

- MAR from the hillside catchment above the SRS = 353,106 m<sup>3</sup>
- MAP on the sediment pond surface = 805 m<sup>3</sup>
- MAR on the tailings cover material = 39,234 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total Annual Inflow: 393,145 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total Outflow (seepage and pond evaporation): 16,540 m<sup>3</sup>
- Net Annual Discharge Volume (over spillway): 376,604 m<sup>3</sup>

# 3.3 Freeboard and Storage

#### 3.3.1 North Dam

There is currently very little freeboard above the tailings cover and crest of the North Dam. The 2016 hydrological studies completed by SRK (SRK 2016a) concluded that there is no risk of overtopping of the North Dam even in an "extreme worst case" Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event with none of the existing drainage features such as water diversions functioning. In this study a nominal freeboard above the tailings cover to the crest of the North Dam of 15 to 18 cm was estimated. The TMA has no tailings storage capability.

#### 3.3.2 SRS

The SRS dyke has a 1m freeboard above the 1 in 1000 year flood event to the crest of the Dyke.

# 3.4 Water Discharge Volumes

The current water licence does not have provision for regulating the volume of water discharging over the SRS spillway. However, with reference to the above water balance the estimated annual water discharge volume through the SRS spillway for 2017 is 376,600 cubic metres.

# 3.5 Water Discharge Quality

The surface water quality discharging from the TMA is currently monitored annually under the Yukon Water Licence QZ16-051. The groundwater quality is currently monitored under the same licence. The results of the surface and groundwater quality sampling for 2018 were not available at the time this report was prepared. However, a review of the 2017 results compiled in the 2017 Annual report was carried out by the EoR of the SDH mine site. In 2017, samples from all the required water quality monitoring stations were collected and analysed. The results demonstrated that all the surface and groundwater stations met the standards provided in the

water licence QZ16-051. It is the opinion of the EoR that the current site water quality does not impact the structural integrity or factors of safety associated with stability of the North Dam or the SRS dyke. Furthermore, it is the opinion of the EoR that the water quality does not impact the performance of the water management structures.

# 4 Site Observations

# 4.1 Visual Observations

The weather during the DSI on June 24, 2018 was sunny and warm. Routine inspections of the TMA are made by Jeff Basarich twice a year in the spring (June 8, 2018) and the fall (October 6, 2018). Observations made by Mr. Basarich were reviewed by the EoR.

No additional concerns were identified during review of the photos and reports prepared by the Mr Basarich. The minor freeze/thaw cracking in the fill material behind the riprap along the north side of the Camp Creek Diversion are typical for this climate and do not present a stability concern.

# 4.1.1 North Dam

A site plan and a section of the North Dam are presented on Figures 3 and 4.

The crest of the North Dam looking west is shown in Photo 1, The dam is in good condition and t shows no signs of deformation or abnormal settling. The downstream slope of the dam (Photo 2) shows no signs of surficial movement or erosion nor is there any sign of bulging at the downstream toe.

The piezometers and settlement gauges (Photos 3, 4, 5 and 6) on the North Dam are in good condition and continue to function as designed. Orange coloured piezometer caps provide visible identification for the monitoring team. However, it was noted that two of the piezometers (PVC pipes) namely NDW-2B and NDW-1A do not have plastic caps and are not labelled.

Along the downstream toe of the North Dam there is an 80 m long seepage zone (Photo 7). Seepage from this zone is collected at a monitoring station referred to as MH-02 and is a combination of groundwater discharge from the surrounding hillsides to the west and minimal seepage flow from the impoundment. The monitoring station consists of a 6-inch diameter steel pipe (Photo 8) embedded in sandbags.

# 4.1.2 Till Tailings Cover

The till tailings cover has an overall gentle downslope gradient away from the North Dam. Photo 9 shows a view looking north of the drainage swale located down the middle of the tailings cover at the north end of the TMA. This swale was constructed to assist in directing runoff away from the crest of the North Dam. The swale was clear of any debris or vegetation and although there was evidence that water has flowed in the swale, at the time of the inspection it was dry except for one pool of water. Photo 10 shows a view of the swale looking south.

Vegetation is slowly developing over the entire area of the cover as shown in Photo 11.

#### 4.1.3 North Creek

A riprapped channel conveys the North Creek over the original location of the decommissioned North Creek Dyke. It was noted at the inlet of the channel that beavers had again built a dam which was restricting flow (Photo 12). The dam raises the water level of the pond behind the structure and increases the risk of a rapid release of water that could result in erosion of the riprap protection in the channel. The dam was removed in 2018. Best Practice dictates that beaver dams be removed when identified during the routine inspections. Photo 13 shows a view looking upstream of the channel. At the outlet of the channel (Photo 14) some of the riprap had previously been dislodged by the flow, exposing a small area of the underlying filter fabric. There has been no noticeable change to this area since it was observed last year. The channel remains stable and no remediation is required.

About 150 metres east downstream of the above channel is a second riprapped channel that was reclaimed following the removal of two culverts as part of the site reclamation in 2015 (Photo 15 and 16). The channel is stable and requires no remediation.

#### 4.1.4 Sediment Retaining Structure

The Sediment Retaining Structure (SRS) was built during the decommissioning of the South Dam between 2014 and 2015. Figures 5 and 6 provide a site plan and sections of the SRS.

The spillway (Photo 17) remains in stable condition with no noticeable subsidence.

The GeoJute erosion protection and the riprap buttress along the downstream toe of the SRS that Teck installed in 2016 are functioning well.

The sedimentation pond was clear at the time of our inspection and there was no evidence of any silt buildup (Photo 18).

Seepage from the hillside area to the east of the structure is still evident along the downstream toe of the SRS (Photo 19). A small active boil that has been noted in previous inspections was still present. This boil is a remnant of pore pressures that were evident during and after the construction of the South Dam which prompted the construction of a toe buttress. The pore pressures were a result of the hydraulic gradient across the dam due to the stored water in behind the embankment. The pore pressures were accentuated by the sand and gravel zones in the foundation soils below the dam. Since the removal of the South Dam, the pore pressures have significantly reduced but the small head of water due to the retained pond behind the SRS dyke is the likely source of the boil.

#### 4.1.5 Drainage Channels

The riprapped drainage channels (the North Channel, the Camp Creek channel and the South Channel) were constructed during the TMA decommissioning in 2014. Figure 7 provides a plan

view of the three channels. SRK inspected each of the channels for any signs of subsidence and movement of the riprap erosion protection.

Photo 20 shows the South Channel looking south. Photos 21, 22 and 23 show the North, Camp Creek and South channels. No movement of the riprap or subsidence was evident in any of these channels.

#### 4.1.6 Burnick and Jewelbox Waste Rock Dumps

SRK inspected the resloped Main Zone and Jewelbox waste dumps (Photo 24 and Figure 12). It was noted that at the northeast end of the JewelBox dump, there was evidence of some erosion (Photos 25 and 26). Following the 2017 DSI, monitoring pins were installed at the base of the erosion gully to monitor any deepening of the gully over time. It was noted that the gully had not deepened but there was evidence of some minor sideway erosion. This erosion does not impact the stability of the dump.

SRK also inspected the Burnick waste dumps at the locations of the reclaimed 1200 and 1300 portals respectively as shown in Figure 11. During the site decommissioning in 2014, the dumps were recontoured to provide added long-term stability. No further subsidence of the slopes was noted.

Minor settlement of the fill that was placed over the 1200 portal was noted during the 2017 inspection. The settled area was inspected this year (Photo 27) and no further settlement was noted.

# 4.2 Instrumentation Review

#### 4.2.1 Water Levels

The water levels in the North Dam piezometers are recorded monthly and the results are reviewed by the EoR after each monitoring session. Figure B1 in Appendix B provides a plot of seasonal water levels from 2011 for Piezometers NDW-1A, 2A, 3A and 4A compared to the maximum safe levels established for the North Dam (as listed in the OMS Manual). The seasonal fluctuations recorded this year in the piezometers are consistent with those in previous years and are within acceptable tolerance limits.

The peak levels recorded in June 2018 are plotted on the dam section shown on Figure 4.

In the new water license, which was issued April 2017, piezometer levels are required to be measured bi-monthly.

#### 4.2.2 Deformation/Settlement

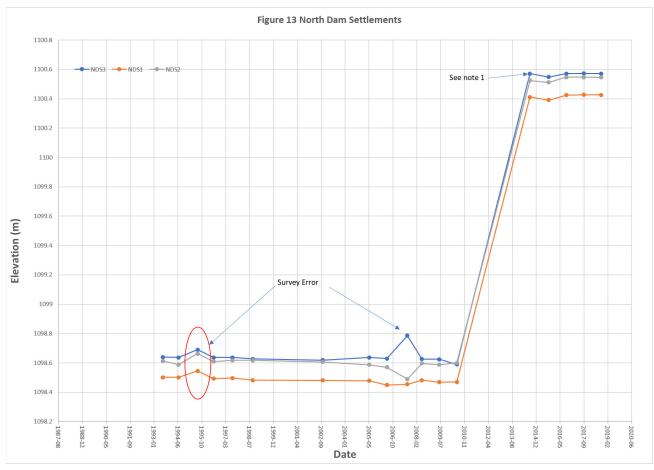
Teck has been surveying the settlement gauges on the North Dam since 1993. Results are shown on Table 4-1. The results are elevations taken from the top of the steel pins that were set within the crest of the dam during construction. The last set of readings taken using the 1990 datum was completed in 2010. A recent set of readings was completed in 2017 based on the 2012 datum. The readings are consistent with those observed in previous years, with settlement

readings varying to a maximum of 51 mm (or less than 1% of the total height of the dam) from the initial readings taken in 1993. The recorded settlements are considered acceptable for a small earthen dam and would not compromise the structural integrity of the dam. In the last 3 years, the settlement changes have been less than 1 mm.

Date	NDS3 (m)	NDS1 (m)	NDS2 (m)	
August/93	1098.639	1098.501	1098.613	
July/94	1098.637	1098.502	1098.589	
August/95	1098.690	1098.545	1098.663	
July/96	1098.637	1098.493	1098.609	
August/97	1098.637	1098.496	1098.618	
October/98	1098.627	1098.482	NA	
October/02	1098.619	1098.481	1098.607	
June/05	1098.637	1098.479	1098.587	
June/06	1098.63	1098.45	1098.57	
August/07	1098.786	1098.454	1098.489	
June/08	June/08 1098.626		1098.597	
June/09	June/09 1098.625		1098.587	
June/10	1098.59	1098.47	1098.60	
August/14	1100.572	1100.412	1100.524	
September/15	1100.548	1100.391	1100.512	
2016	2016 1100.572		1100.547	
2017	1100.573	1100.427	1100.547	
2018	2018 1100.571		1100.546	

 Table 4-1: Summary of Elevations taken at the top of the North Dam Settlement Gauges

Note: 2014 to 2018 readings are based on the 2012 datum.



#### Figure 13: North Dam Settlements

Note 1: Survey Datum was changed in 2012

Figure 13 presents a graphical depiction of the settlement of the crest of the dam over time. The readings taken from 1992 to 2010 were based on the 1990 datum. The 2014 to 2018 readings were based on the 2012 datum. The results shown for 1995 and 2008 are erroneous due to survey error. Furthermore, some of the results indicate an increase in elevation. Those numbers were attributed to the inaccuracy of the survey equipment used and were consequently ignored. In general, as shown by Figure 13 above, settlement of the North Dam is performing as expected.

Given the above results and the long-term trend, settlement readings would continue to 2020 with no further readings taken beyond that point.

# 4.3 Photographs

A photographic log was taken during the site inspection. Photos are provided in Appendix A and are referenced in Section 4.1.

# 4.4 Pond and Discharge Water Quality

The Sediment pond at the SRS is the only pond associated with the TMA. Water quality in the pond was monitored as MH-01 under previous Water Licence QZ16-080 which expired on

March 31, 2017. Under the current water licence QZ016-051, water quality in the sediment pond is not monitored. However, the results of the water sampling carried out for the pond under the QZ16-080 water licence met the standards in the water licence. It is the opinion of the EoR that the results would not impact the structural integrity of the North Dam or the SRS dyke.

# 4.5 Site Inspection Forms

Every year, in accordance with the site Water Licence, the OMS manual and the EPRP, a routine inspection of the TMA is completed twice a year in the spring and the fall by Jeff Basarich.

# 4.6 Facility Data Sheets

The facility data sheets for the North Dam and the SRS dyke are provided in Appendix C.

# 5 Dam Safety Assessment

# 5.1 Design Basis Review

#### 5.1.1 North Dam

The original design of the starter dam for the North Dam required a crest elevation of 1,100 m with an ultimate dam design crest elevation of 1,106 m. However, this ultimate design crest elevation was modified in subsequent revisions to the mine plan to El. 1,104 m. A summary of the design criteria for the North Dam is provided in Table 5-1. The design criteria were also updated to reflect changes in the CDA 2014 Technical Bulletin, Dam Consequence Classification.

#### Table 5-1: Design Criteria of the North Dam (Updated)

Design Crest Elevation (Ultimate)	Not applicable
Starter Dam Crest (Existing)	1,100 m
Top of Till Core Elevation (Ultimate)	Not applicable
Maximum Operating Tailings Level (ultimate)	Not applicable
Maximum Operating Pond Level (Ultimate)	Not applicable
Spillway Invert Elevation	No emergency spillway in dam
Design Operating Freeboard	Not applicable
Design Seepage (SRK/AMCL, 2000)	35-50 L/min
Tailings Storage Capacity (Ultimate)	Not applicable
Dam Consequence Classification (2015 DSR)	Significant
Target Earthquake Level (CDA, 2014) (Passive care) Seismic Event	1 in 2475 year (PGA = 0.203g)
Target FOS (CDA, 2014)	1.5 (static); 1.0 (pseudo-static)
Target Flood Levels (CDA, 2014)	1/3 between the 1,000-year event and the PMF

#### 5.1.2 Sediment Retaining Structure

The SRS spillway was designed to accommodate the 1 in 1000-year design flood. The SRS currently has a "Low" Consequence Classification. CDA (2014) recommends that the inflow design flood (IDF) for a low consequence dam class that is expected to remain in Construction, Operation & Transition Phase would be the 1 in 100-year event as referenced in Table 3-2 of the CDA 2014 Technical Bulletin. However, as the SRS will be in a "Closure-Passive Care Phase" for an extended period under infrequent surveillance, the IDF for the spillway was raised to the next highest dam classification level, the 1 in 1000-year event as referenced in Table 4-1 of the CDA 2014 Technical Bulletin.

Similarly, the target PGA for the SRS is 0.146 g.

A summary of the design criteria for the SRS is provided in Table 5-2 below.

Original Design Crest Elevation	El. 1086.7 m
As Built Crest Elevation	El. 1087.7 m
Original Design Spillway Invert Elevation	El. 1085.0 m
As Built Spillway Invert Elevation	El. 1085.7 m
Crest Length	80 m
Design Operating Freeboard	1 m
As Built Operating Freeboard	1 m
Dam Consequence Classification	Low
Operating Pond Level	El. 1085 m
Target Earthquake Level (CDA, 2014) (Passive Care)	1 in 1000 years (PGA = 0.146g)
Target FOS (CDA 2014)	1.5 (static); 1.0 (pseudo-static)
Target Flood Levels (CDA 2014) (Passive Care)	1 in 1000 years

#### Table 5-2: Design Criteria for the SRS

# 5.2 Hazards and Failure Modes Review

As a permanently closed site, structures at Sä Dena Hes mine site that have the potential to endanger human life or create environmental damage were either removed or upgraded to enhance long-term physical stability. This section of the DSI reviews the hazards that have been identified for the North Dam and the SRS and provides an assessment of the safety of these structures relative to the potential failure modes listed in the CDA (2014) Technical Bulletin.

Key hazards identified for the North Dam and SRS include runoff from extreme precipitation events, seismic events, ice buildup and debris in the SRS spillway, potential for liquefaction of the tailings and flow capacity of the SRS spillway. The following sections assess the potential failure modes for each structure.

#### 5.2.1 Dam Overtopping

The recent hydrological studies completed by SRK (SRK 2016a) concluded that there is no risk of overtopping of the North Dam even in an "extreme worst case" Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event with none of the existing drainage features such as water diversions functioning.

The spillway in the SRS is designed to accommodate the 1 in 1000 year IDF which meets the CDA 2014 target levels for flood hazards for "low" Dam Consequence Classification dams in the closure-passive care phase.

#### 5.2.2 Piping

#### North Dam

The North Dam was built as a tailings retaining structure designed to allow seepage through the dam. The dam has three zones: an upstream low permeability compacted zone of silty till, a semi pervious compacted central zone of sandy till and a compacted outer downstream shell of pervious sand and gravel. Underlying the dam is a native sandy, gravelly silt (till). There are no indicators of fines being washed through to dam, although there is some seepage evident at the downstream toe. This seepage is mixed in with historical spring activity that was noted during the construction of the dam and the annual dam inspections. The tailings placed up against the upstream face of the dam have significantly reduced the seepage loss since initial construction. Piezometric levels in the dam and in the foundation have varied seasonally since the mine shut down in 1992 and lower levels are expected over time as the till cap consolidates.

Given the lower hydraulic gradient now that the pond has been removed, the risk of piping is negligible.

# SRS

The pond behind the SRS has a maximum depth of about 1.5 m and the overall hydraulic gradient through the structure is low and corresponds to no piping potential. The seepage through the dyke is barely measurable. There is one small boil that has been noted at the downstream toe of the SRS dyke, but no loss of fines detected.

#### 5.2.3 Slope Stability

Table 5-3 outlines the minimum FoS values for mining dams based on the guidelines in the CDA 2014 technical Bulletin.

Dam Rating	Care Type <sup>1</sup>	Event	AEP	Minimum Static FoS	Minimum Pseudo- Static FoS
Low	Transition	1 in 100 year	0.01	1.5	1.0
Low	Passive Care	1 in 1000 year	0.001	1.5	1.0
Significant	Transition	1 in 1000 year	0.001	1.5	1.0
Significant	Passive Care	1 in 2475 year	0.0004	1.5	1.0

Table 5-3: Target Levels for Earthquake Hazards/Factor of Safety, 2014 CDA G	uidelines
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Notes:

1. Active care assumes regular dam safety reviews, continual dam performance monitoring and the ability to respond to emergencies immediately. Passive care assumes no maintenance or monitoring occurs post-closure.

As the site is expected to remain in the Closure Passive Care phase for an extended period and as there is infrequent surveillance, the passive care targets have been adopted.

#### North Dam

As discussed above, the North Dam is composed of compacted fill with a pervious downstream shell. The downstream slope is 2.5H:1V. Several stability analyses have been performed on this dam in the last 2 years.

In 2015, SRK completed a stability analysis of the North Dam to supplement a third-party review of the Dam Consequence Category for the dam.

The results of the stability analyses completed on the North Dam, which are shown in Table 5-4, show that the structure exceeds minimum FoS requirements for long-term static and pseudostatic stability for closed dams under passive care classified as having a "Significant" consequence of failure.

Case	FoS
Long Term Static	1.6
Pseudo-Static (1 in 100 year)	1.5
Pseudo-Static (1 in 1000 year)	1.3
Pseudo-Static (1 in 2475 year)	1.2

#### Table 5-4: Stability Analysis Results

In the above slope stability analysis, the seismic acceleration used in the calculation was one-half of the full Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) or 0.20 g. The application of the entire PGA value in the direction of failure is extremely conservative and represents the absolute worst-case scenario.

In 2016, SRK completed an updated post-liquefaction stability analysis of the North Dam. The stability analysis was completed to assess the stability of the North Dam following an earthquake event and assuming liquefaction of the tailings impounded by the dam during the seismic event.

The stability analysis concluded that tailings play no role in dam stability as the critical failure surface runs through the dam, which is constructed of engineered and not tailings material.

Based on the above analyses, the North Dam is stable under both static and seismic assessments.

# SRS

SRK also completed a stability analysis of the current configuration of the dyke under both static and pseudo-static conditions. The dyke has a maximum height of about 5 m and upstream and downstream slopes of 2H:1V slope and 2.5H:1V respectively. The maximum depth of the pond behind the dyke is about 1.7 m.

The seismic calculation was completed using a full horizontal loading of 0.15 g which was based on the target level for earthquake hazards suggested by CDA 2014 guidelines for a low consequence class dam in the passive care phase. The results of the analysis indicated both static and pseudo static FOS that exceeded the target values in Table 5-3 above.

#### 5.2.4 Surface Erosion

#### North Dam

SRK completed a recent study to assess the erosion potential of the material on the downstream face. The study concluded that existing sand and gravel material exposed on the downstream face is adequate to withstand the runoff from the 200-year, 24-hour rainfall event without any significant erosion.

#### SRS

GeoJute fabric protection on the downstream face of the SRS is in good condition and provides adequate protection against surface erosion.

# 5.3 Review of Downstream and Upstream Conditions

#### 5.3.1 Downstream Conditions (South)

No changes were noted downstream or south of the TMA. The original exit chute shows no sign of increased seepage since Camp Creek was redirected back into the original Camp Creek channel. The vegetation is slowly taking hold. There were no new dwellings or change in land use noted.

#### 5.3.2 Upstream Conditions (North)

The North Dam is located near an original catchment divide so all conditions are predominantly downstream. An inspection of the conditions north of the North Dam was carried out and no changes were noted. Similarly to the area south of the TMA, no new dwellings or changes to land use were noted.

# 5.4 Dam Classification Review

The first assessment of the Dam Consequence Classification (DCC) of potential failure of the dams and spillways associated with the TMA was completed by SRK for the 2000 Detailed Decommissioning Reclamation Plan (DDRP). The assessment was completed in accordance with the guidelines presented in the "Mine Reclamation in the Northwest Territory and the Yukon" (INAC 1992) and focused on the failure of the South Dam spillway and the failure of the North Dam. The failure of South Dam and the Reclaim Dam was not considered since they would be removed upon closure. The study concluded that the failure of the North Dam and the South Dam spillway would not pose a significant risk to public health and safety; there would be no loss of life expected, no damage to buildings and no loss to roads. The design criteria established for the design of the South Dam spillway and the stability of the North Dam was therefore based on the 1 in 1000 year IDF and the PGA for the 1 in 1000 seismic event respectively. No dam breach or inundation studies were carried out.

As part of the 2003 Dam Safety Review (DSR) completed by Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB), a screening level assessment of the DCC for the TMA was carried out so that the appropriate

design criteria could be established for the DSR. The assessment was carried out in accordance with the 1999 CDA Dam Safety Guidelines and included a dam breach inundation analysis. The study concluded that all three dams (North, South and Reclaim) would be classified as Low Consequence facilities.

In 2010, a second DSR was carried out by Golder Associates, who also completed a screening level assessment so that a design criteria could be established for the 2010 DSR. The assessment was completed in accordance with the CDA 2007 Dam Safety Guidelines and included a conceptual dam breach and inundation study. Overall the assessment concluded that all three dams would be in the "significant" consequence class due to the potentially significant incremental losses on False Creek and Frances River.

Given the 2014 decommissioning activities associated with the TMA, SRK completed a dam breach and inundation study for the SRS dyke and the North Dam. The assessment concluded that by applying the CDA (2014) generalized guidelines shown in Table 5-5, incremental losses from a breach of the North Dam and SRS dyke would place the structures in the "Low" Consequence class. The attribution of that class to the North Dam and the SRS is based on the following consequence criteria:

- There is no population at risk downstream of the facility or near the dam or in the expected path of any water releases;
- No loss of human life would be expected from the failure;
- No local or regional infrastructure or services would be impacted by a failure; and
- There would be minimal short term loss and no long-term loss.

	Population	Incremental Losses				
Dam Class	at Risk [note 1]	Loss of Life [note 2]	Environmental and Cultural Values	Infrastructure and Economics		
Low	None	0	Minimal short-term loss No long-term loss	Low economic losses; area contains limited infrastructure or services		
Significant Temporary		Unspecified	No significant loss or deterioration of fish or wildlife habitat Loss or marginal habitat only	Losses to recreational facilities, seasonal workplaces, and		
Significant	only	Unspecified	Restoration or compensation in kind highly possible	infrequently used transportation routes		
High	Permanent	10 or fewer	Significant loss or deterioration of important fish or wildlife habitat. Restoration or compensation in kind highly possible	High economic losses affecting infrastructure, public transportatio and commercial facilities		
Very high	Permanent	100 or fewer	Significant loss or deterioration or <i>critical</i> fish or wildlife habitat Restoration or compensation in kind possible but impractical	Very high economic losses affecting important infrastructure of services (e.g., highway, industrial facility, storage facilities for dangerous substances)		
Extreme	Permanent	More than 100	Major loss of <i>critical</i> fish or wildlife habitat Restoration or compensation in kind impossible	Extreme losses affection critical infrastructure or services (e.g., hospital, major industrial complex, major storage facilities for dangerous substances)		

#### Table 5-5: CDA (2014) Dam Classification in Terms of Consequences of Failure

Note 1. Definitions for population at risk:

**None –** There is no identifiable population at risk, so there is no possibility of loss of life other than through unforeseeable misadventure.

**Temporary-** People are only temporarily in the dam-breach inundation zone (e.g. seasonal cottage use, passing though on transportation routes, participating in recreational activities).

**Permanent-** The population at risk is ordinarily located in the dam-breach inundation zone (e.g., as permanent residents); three consequence classes (high, very high, extreme) are proposed to allow for more detailed estimates of potential loss of life (to assist in decision-making if the appropriate analysis is carried out).

Note 2. Definitions for population at risk:

**Unspecified-** The appropriate level of safety required at a dam where people are temporarily at risk depends on the number of people, the exposure time, the nature of their activity, and other conditions. A higher class could be appropriate, depending on the requirements. However, the design flood requirement, for example might not be higher if the temporary population is not likely to be present during the flood season.

The last DSR was carried out by AMECFW in 2015 and based on this review, the CDA Dam Consequence Classification of the North Dam was changed from "Low" to "Significant". The change was based on an issue raised by AMECFW that there was a potential for liquefaction of the tailings if the dam were to fail and that during a flood event there was a potential for overtopping of the dam. Because of this classification change, the IDF for the North Dam under passive care was changed to 1/3 between the 1,000-year event and the PMF and the design earthquake event was changed from the 1 in 1,000-year event to the 1 in 2,475-year event, respectively (based on passive care guidelines in CDA 2014).

As discussed in Section 5.2, there is no risk of overtopping of the North Dam even in an "extreme worst case" Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event (SRK 2016a) and the recent stability analysis completed by SRK concluded liquefied tailings play no role in dam stability as the critical failure surface runs through the dam, which is constructed of engineered and not the tailings material.

As stated in the last DSI report, the next DSR is scheduled for 2020 or 5 years from the last DSR. In the CDA 2014 guidelines, the suggested frequency for DSR's ranges from 5 to 10 years, depending on the consequences of failure and changes in the dams. A risk assessment for the site is scheduled for December 2018 and a review of the Dam Consequence Category for the North Dam and the frequency of DSR's for the site should be reviewed at that time.

In the event that the dam classification for the North Dam is changed to Low after the risk assessment is completed, the design earthquake and the design flood events would revert to the 1 in 1000 year events respectively.

# 5.5 Physical and Operational Performance

As the mine is currently closed in passive care, operational performance is not applicable. The North Dam is currently stable and does not retain any water. There are no signs of any instability on the crest or the downstream slope. The SRS dyke is also stable with no indication of cracks along the crest or sloughing on the upstream and downstream slopes.

The spillway shows no sign of movement of the riprap or instability. It is functioning in accordance with the design parameters.

# 5.6 Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual Review

The current OMS Manual was prepared by SRK in 2015. The manual was reviewed as part of this 2018 DSI.

A list of changes to the OMS manual are provided below:

- 1. Section 1.1 The SRS and the North Dam are in a "passive" care phase of closure with some surveillance and monitoring. Design criteria for both structures are governed by the target levels for flood and earthquake hazards based on the passive care phase of closure.
- 2. Section 2.1 Details in the Key Roles and Responsibility Table 1 have been updated including key contact information.
- 3. Section 2.2 Org Chart Figure 6 has been updated.
- 4. Section 3.3.4 Dam Consequence Category. Added discussion on the DCC for the North Dam and added reference to a scheduled Risk Assessment in Dec 2018. Frequency of DSR's for the SDH TMA.
- 5. Section 5.2 Added comment about a review of the Dam Consequence Category for the North Dam and the frequency of DSR's for the site
- 6. Section 5.3.2 Added comment about Piezometer caps and labels
- 7. Section 6.1 Added comment about the frequency of Routine maintenance inspections (Fall and Spring)

- 8. Section 6.5.2 Added requirement to remove Beaver dams as soon as they are identified during routine inspections.
- 9. Section 6.5.6 Added comments about erosion monitoring pins at the toe of the Jewelbox Waste Rock dump

# 5.7 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) Review

The current EPRP was prepared by SRK in 2015. The manual was reviewed as part of this 2018 DSI.

A list of changes to the EPRP is provided below:

- 1. Section 2.1 Details in the Key Roles and Responsibility Table 1 have been updated including key contact information.
- 2. Section 2.2 Org Chart Figure 6 has been updated.

# 6 Summary and Recommendations

# 6.1 Summary of Construction and Operations Activities

The site is current closed and there are no construction or operation activities.

# 6.2 Summary of Climate and Water Balance

The MAP for the site is 646mm based on a recent regional and regression analysis performed by SRK using the nearby meteorological stations from Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC). An estimate of the 2017 MAP was estimated to be 503 mm based on the annual precipitation recorded at the Watson airport.

The mean annual lake evaporation for the site is estimated at 483 mm.

# 6.3 Summary of Performance

The North Dam is currently stable and does not retain any water. There are no signs of any instability on the crest or the downstream slope. The vegetation on the till cover is slowly taking hold and the drainage channel in the middle of the cover is functioning as designed.

The SRS dyke is also stable with no indication of cracks along the crest or sloughing on the upstream and downstream slopes.

The spillway shows not signs of movement of the riprap or instability. It is functioning in accordance with the design parameters

# 6.4 Summary of Changes to Facility or Upstream or Downstream Conditions

There were no significant changes noted of the North Dam or the SRS dyke. Similarly, there were no changes to the upstream and downstream conditions to the north and south of the North Dam.

# 6.5 Consequence Classification

The consequence of failure category for North Dam and the SRS Dyke is currently "significant" and "low" respectively. As stated in the last DSI report, the next DSR is scheduled for 2020 or 5 years from the last DSR. In the CDA 2014 guidelines, the suggested frequency for DSR's ranges from 5 to 10 years, depending on the consequences of failure and changes in the dams. A risk assessment for the site is scheduled for December 2018 and a review of the Dam Consequence Category for the North Dam and the frequency of DSR's for the site would be reviewed at that time.

# 6.6 Table of Deficiencies and Non Conformances

SRK has completed the 2018 DSI of Sä Dena Hes mine, TMA and water management infrastructure and concluded that the North Dam, the SRS, the diversion channels and the waste rock dumps are in good condition, and there was no evidence of any dam safety issues or concerns.

Table 6-1 provides a summary of deficiencies and non conformances noted during the 2018 dam safety inspection (DSI). There are no outstanding deficiencies or non-conformances from the 2017 or earlier DSI's.

Structure	ID No.	Deficiency or Non Conformance	Applicable Regulatory or OMS Reference	Recommended Action	Priority (Teck 2014)	Recommended Deadline/ Status
North Dam	2018-1	NDW-2B and 1A missing caps	OMS 5.3.2	Install plastic caps and label	3	Before end of 2018 Completed Oct 18, 2018 Closed
North Creek Channel	2018-2	Beaver Dam at inlet to channel	OMS 5.6.3	Remove beaver dam in channel	3	Before End of 2018 / Completed July 26 2018 Closed
Jewelbox Waste Rock Dump	2018-3	Erosion Gully in North east corner	OMS 6.5.6 and 5.3.1	Install additional Monitoring pins	3	Before End of 2018 / Completed Sept 19 2018 Closed

#### Table 6-1: Summary of Deficiencies and Non-Conformances

#### General Description of Priority Rankings<sup>2</sup>

Priority	Description
1	A high probability or actual dam safety issue considered immediately dangerous to life, health or the environment, or a significant regulatory concern.
2	If not corrected, could likely result in dam safety issues leading to injury, environmental impact or significant regulatory action; or, a repetitive deficiency that demonstrates a systematic breakdown of procedures.
3	Single occurrences of deficiencies or non-conformances that alone would not be expected to result in dam safety issues.
4	Best Management Practice as a suggestion for continuous improvement towards industry best practices that could further reduce potential risks. This typically includes ongoing construction items within the appropriate construction cycle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code (HSRC) for Mines in British Columbia (2016 revision).

This final report, 2018 Sä Dena Hes Annual Dam Safety Inspection, was prepared by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.



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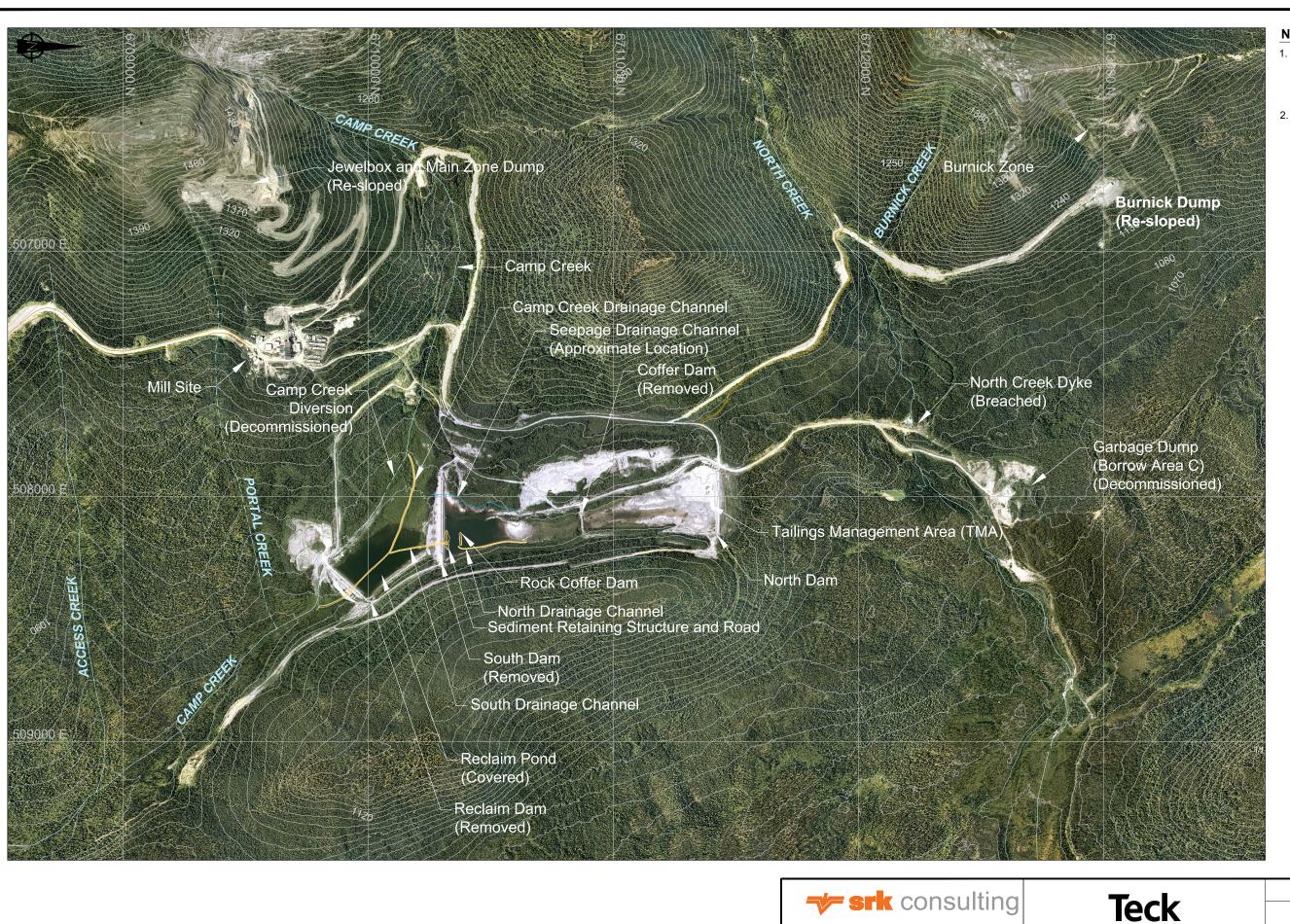
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## NOTES

- Topographic contour data and aerial photos were obtained from McElhanney and are based on August 15, 2012 LiDAR survey. Coordinate system is UTM NAD 83CSRS zone 9V.
- 2. Orthographic photo depicts pre-decommissioned surface.

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# Vicinity Map

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- Major Contour (5m interval)
- Minor Contour (1m interval)
- Edge of Road
- Design Edge of Road
- Camp Creek Drainage Channel
- Dam Excavation Extent
- Sedimentation Pond
- Capped Areas
- Seeded Area  $\overline{}$

## NOTES

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- Preconstruction topographical contour 1. data was obtained from McElhanney and is based on August 15, 2012 LiDAR Survey.
- 2. As-built survey data was collected by Yukon Engineering Services and Amec Foster Wheeler.
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- 4. Tailings characterization work conducted by Golder and Associates determined the location of capping at the South Pond and Reclaim Pond areas.

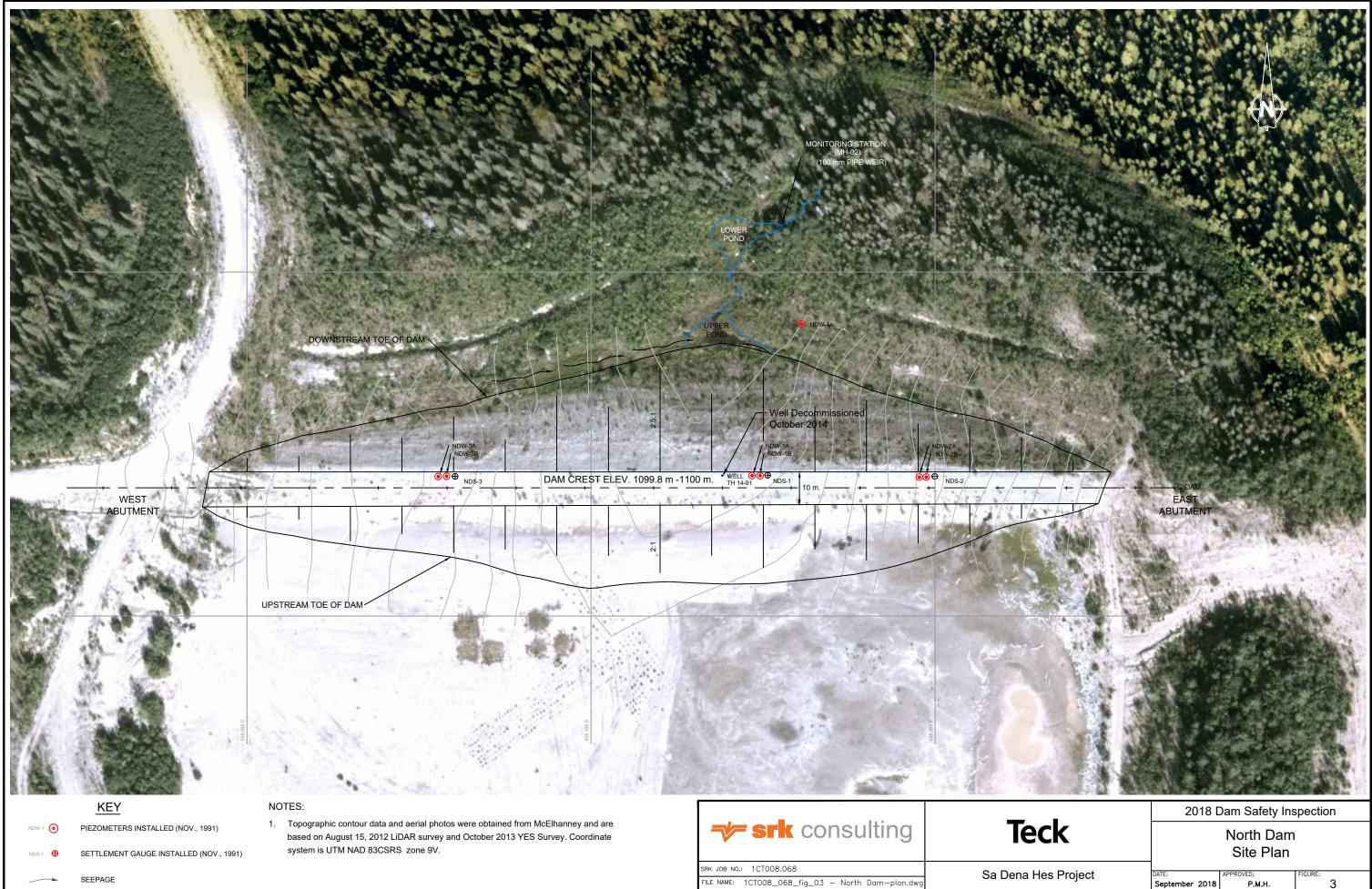
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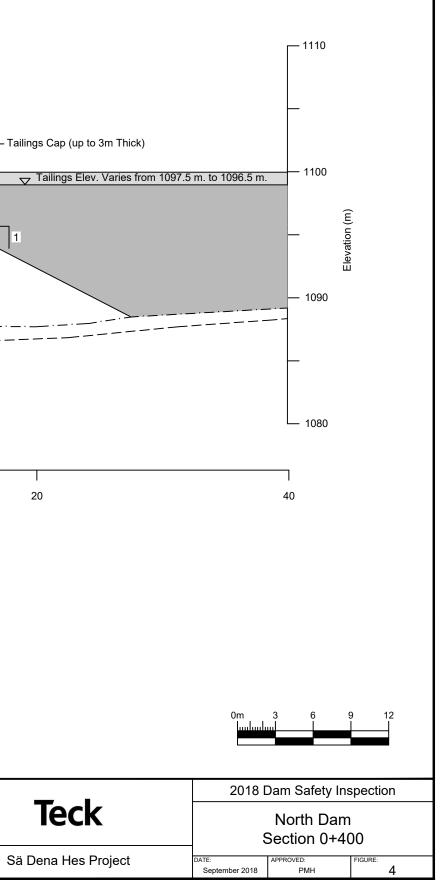
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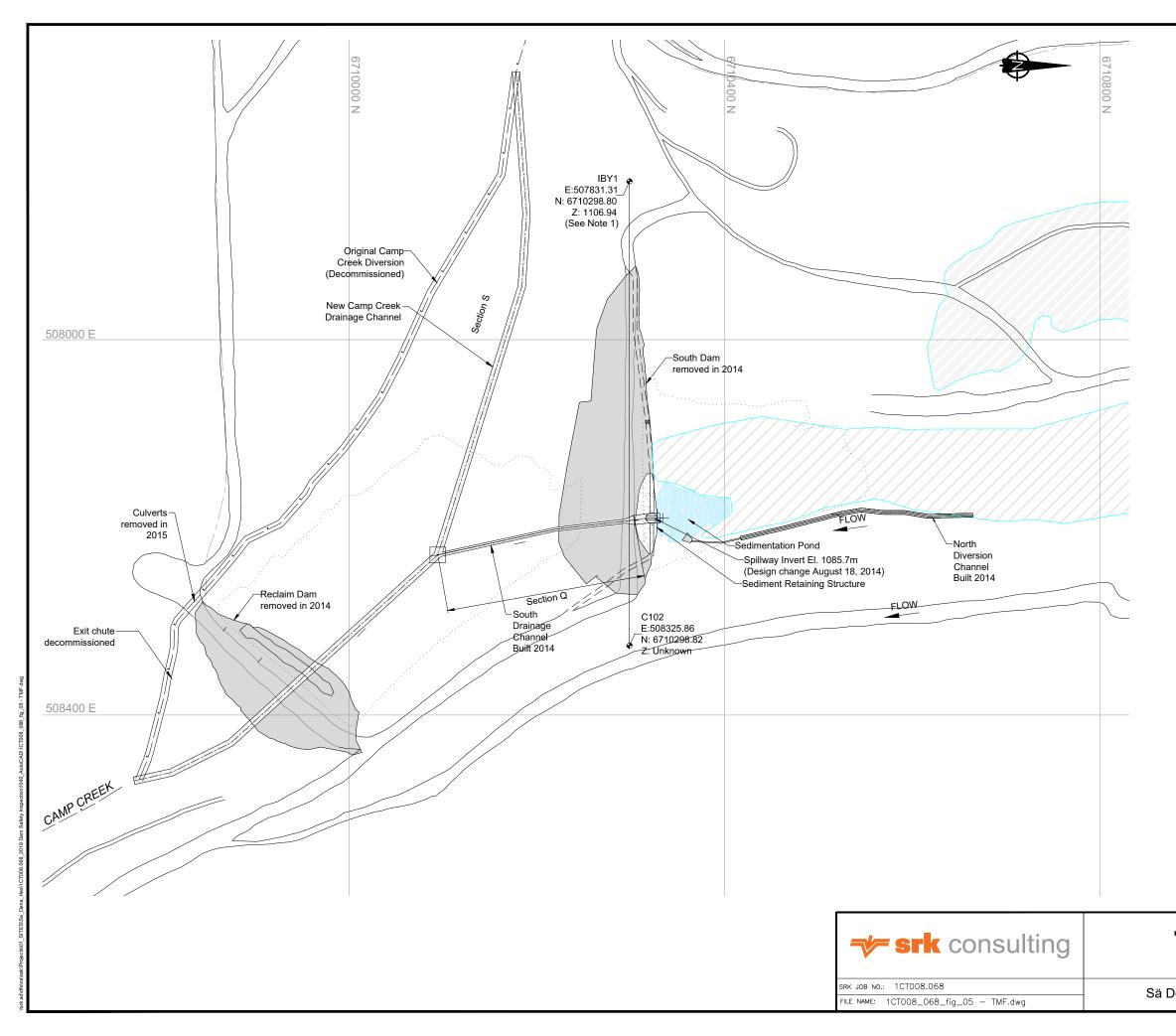
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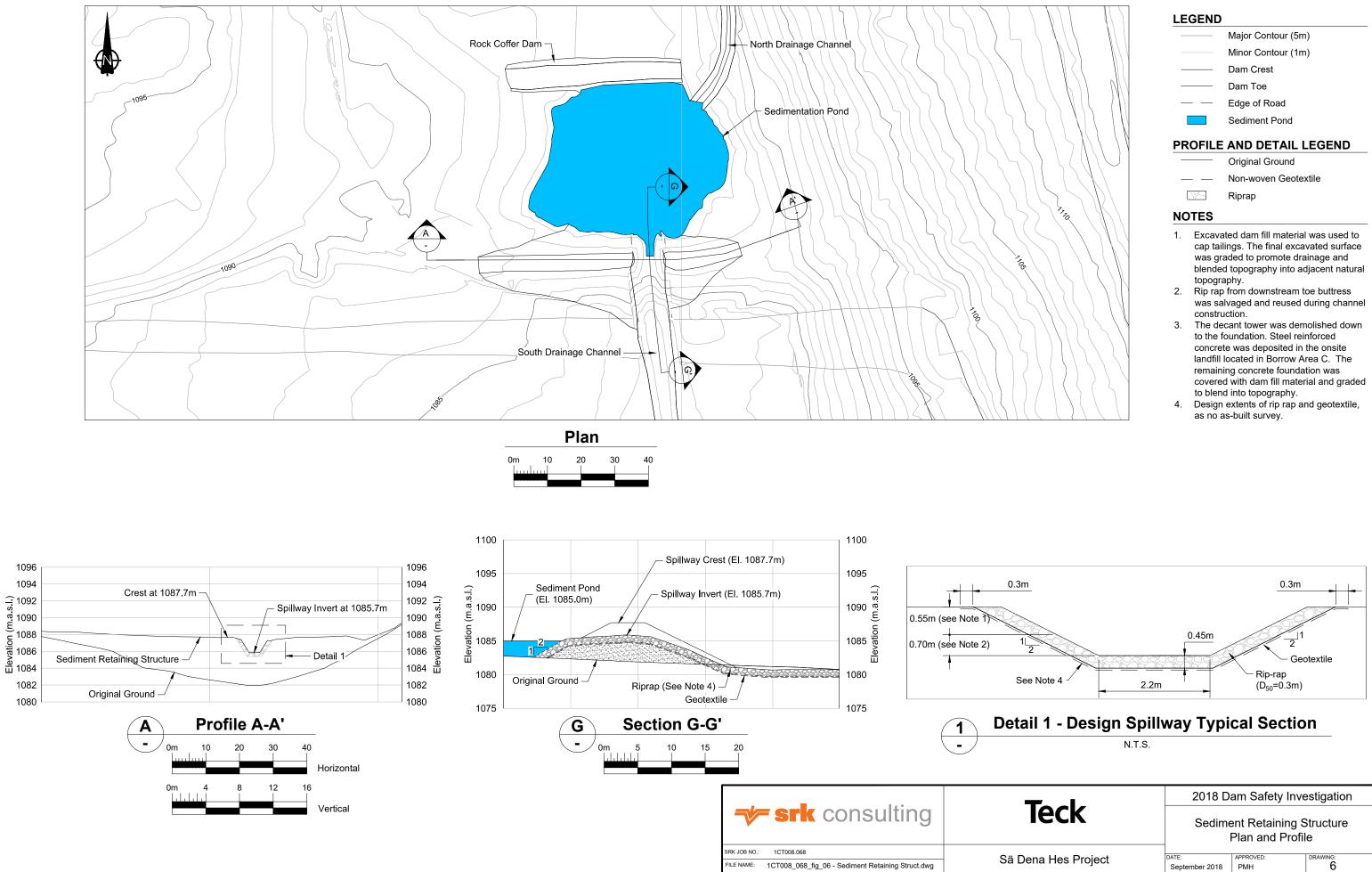
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	Covered Tailings
	Removed Dams
	Sedimentation Pond
	Minor Contours (1m interval) Major Contours (5m interval)
<u></u>	Camp Creek
	Drainage Channel

### NOTES

1. This Benchmark datum is currently used to monitor settlement gauges on the dam and was used as the benchmark in construction of the dam. The elevation has been adjusted from 1103.54m to the current LiDAR Survey elevation.

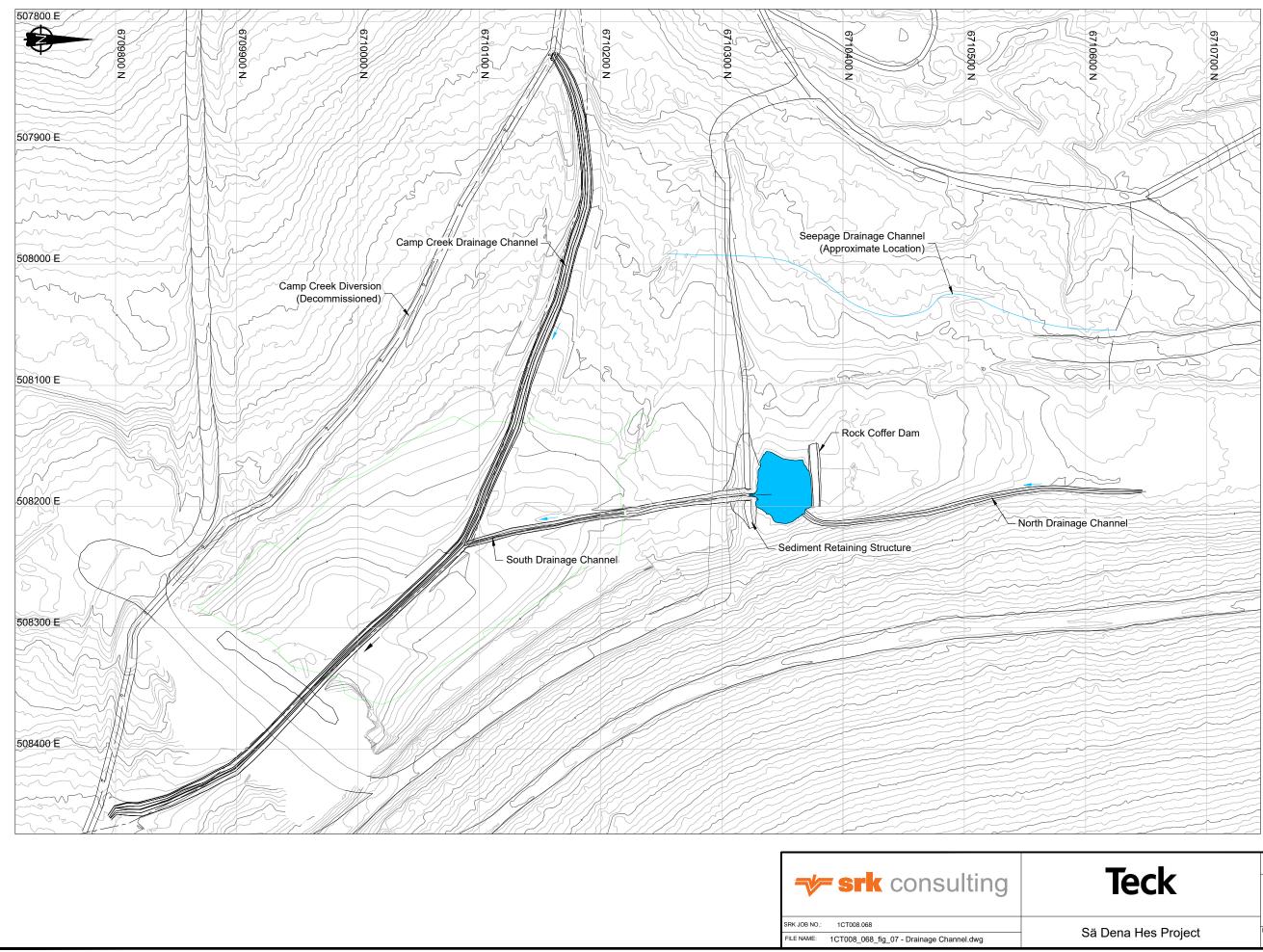
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Minor Contour (1m)
 Dam Crest
 Dam Toe
 Edge of Road
Sediment Pond

	Original Ground
	Non-woven Geo
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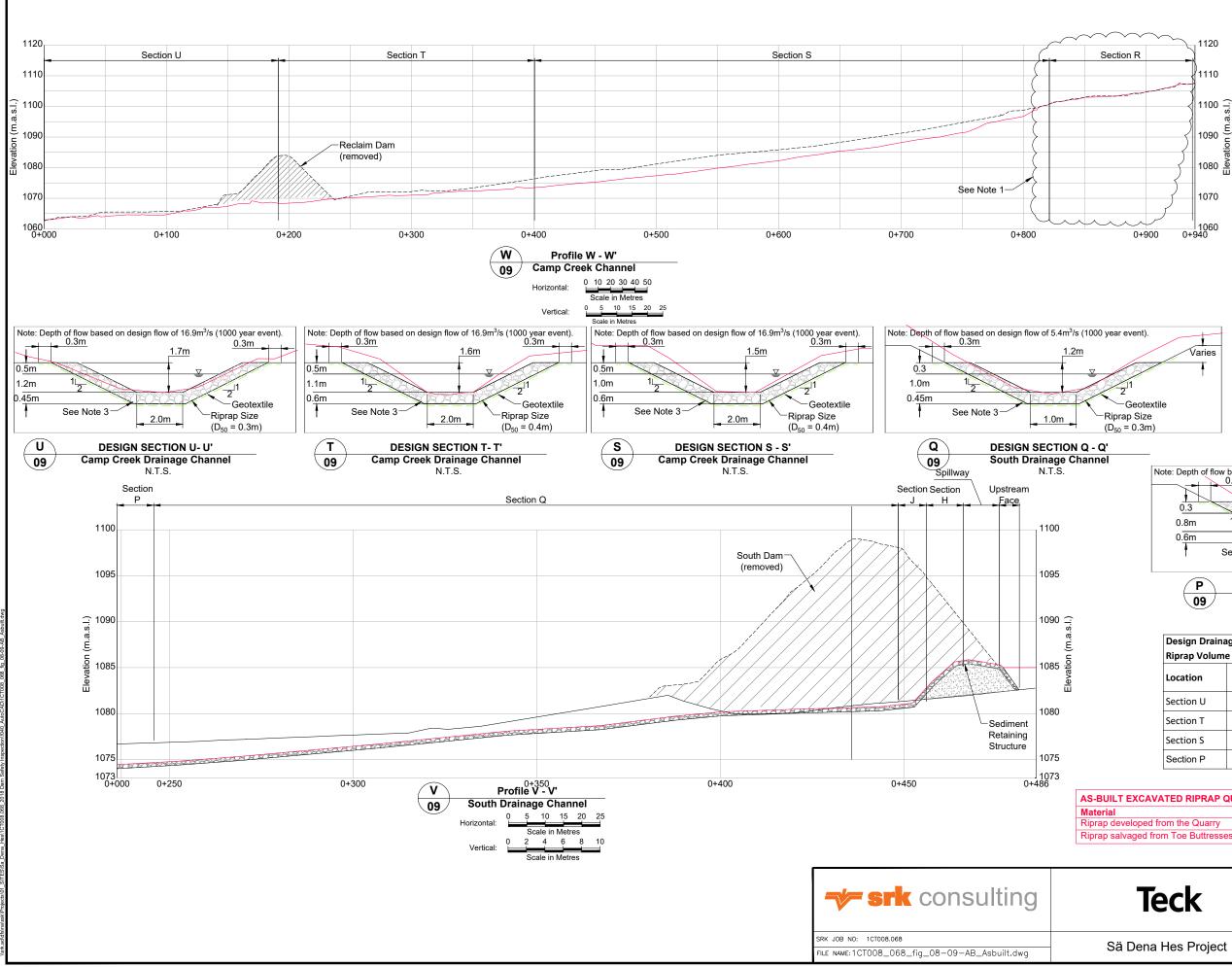
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 Dam Crest
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Direction of Flow
Sediment Pond

## NOTES

1. As-built Camp Creek Drainage Channel upstream and downstream tie-in locations and North Drainage Channel alignments were modified from the design by Amec foster wheeler, with consultation from SRK and Teck, based on field conditions.



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### LEGEND

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	Top of Drainage Channel Profile
	Pre-existing Ground
	Pre-Construction Ground
	Sediment Retaining Structure
	Non-woven Geotextile
	Material to be removed
686	Rip Rap
$ \begin{array}{c} (1,1) \\ (1,1) $	Till (left in place from Original Dam)
	As-built Surface

### NOTES

- Based on field conditions Section R was removed from the design and the upstream tie-in location was modified.
- Design extents of rip rap and geotextile, as no as-built survey.

Note: Depth of flow based on design flow of  $5.4m^3/s$  (1000 year event). 0.3m 1.2m 0.8m 1.2m 0.8m 1.2m Varies 0.8m 1.2m Control of the set of

### DESIGN SECTION P - P' South Dam Drainage Channel

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Design Drainage Channel				
Riprap Volume Summary Table				
Location	D₅₀ (m)	Armoring Depth (m)	Volume (m³)	
Section U	0.3	0.45	993	
Section T	0.4	0.6	1409	
Section S	0.4	0.6	2875	
Section P	0.4	0.6	52	

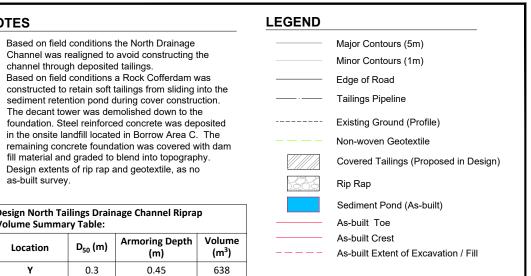
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	Units	Quantity	Notes
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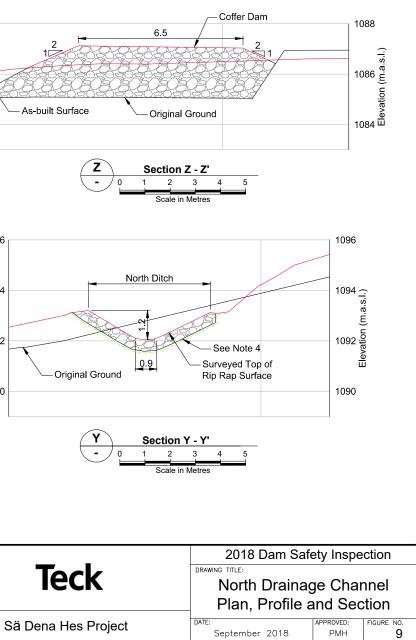
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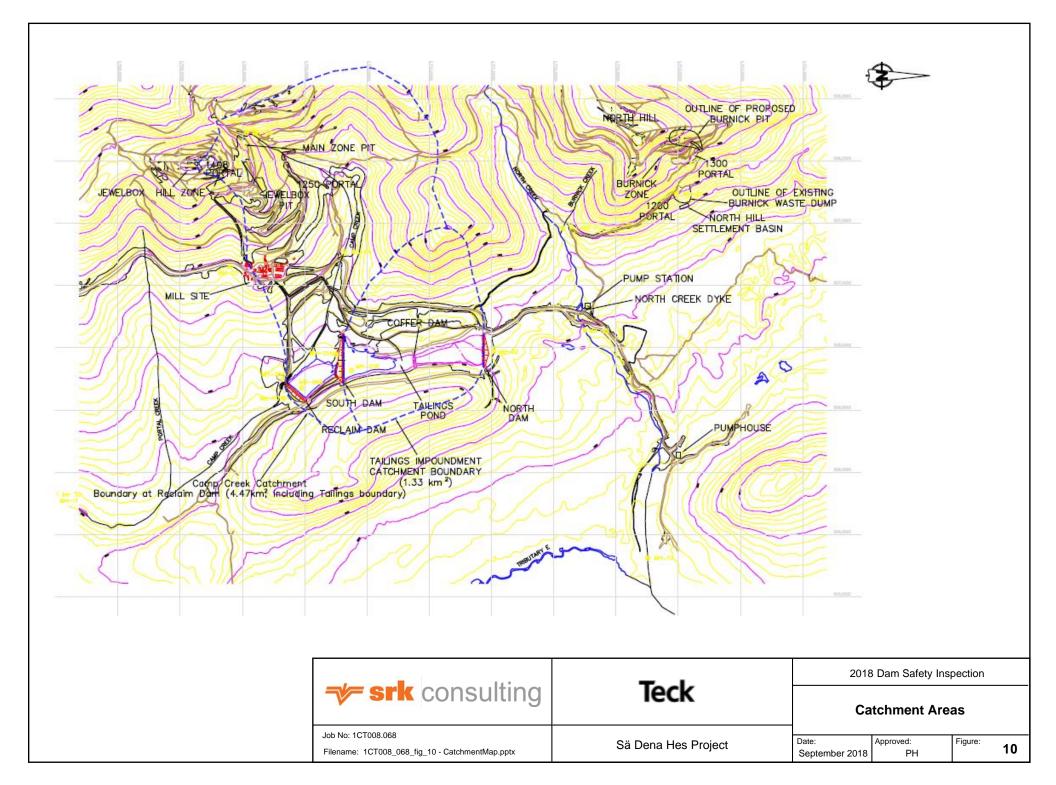
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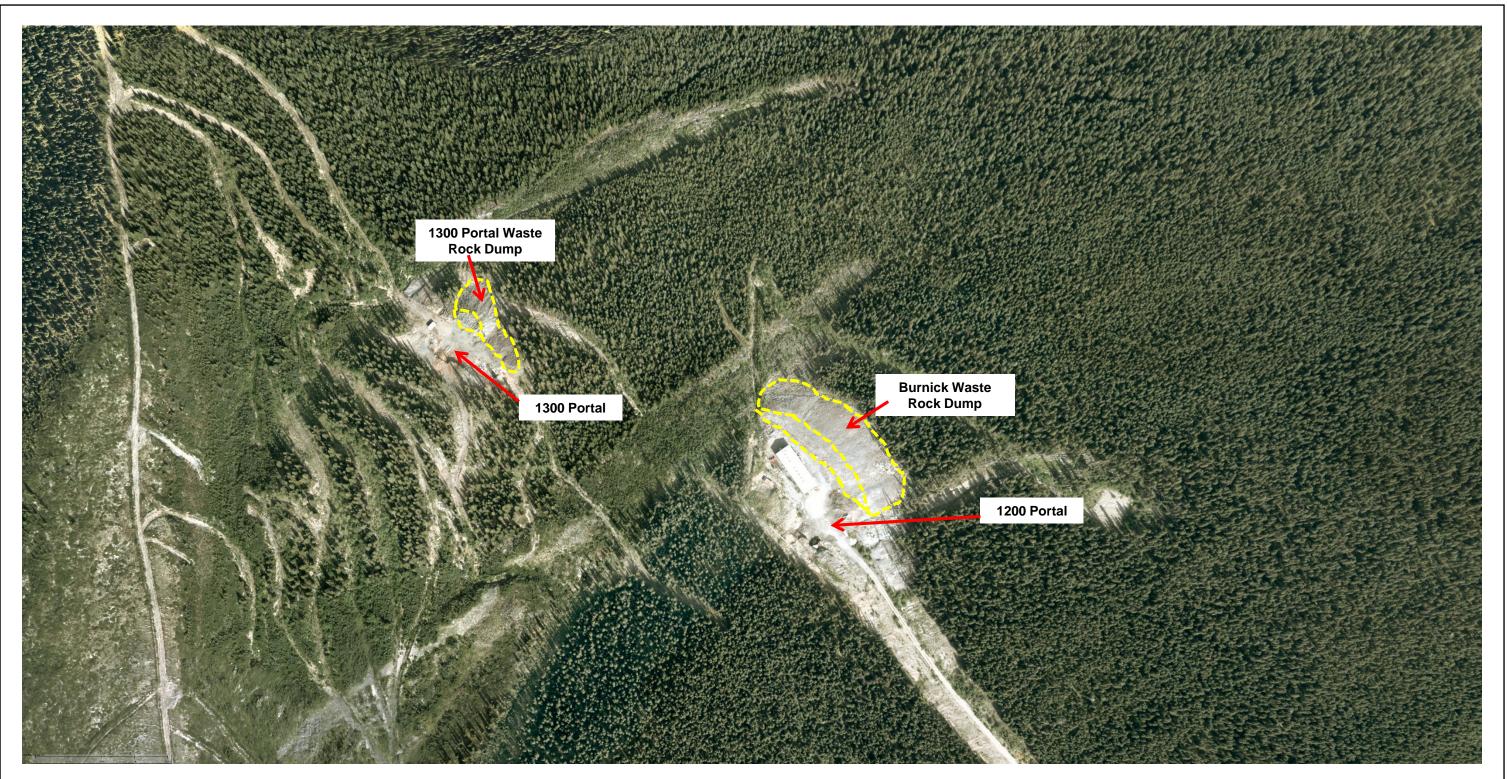
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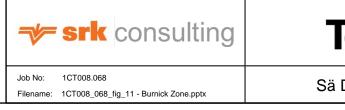
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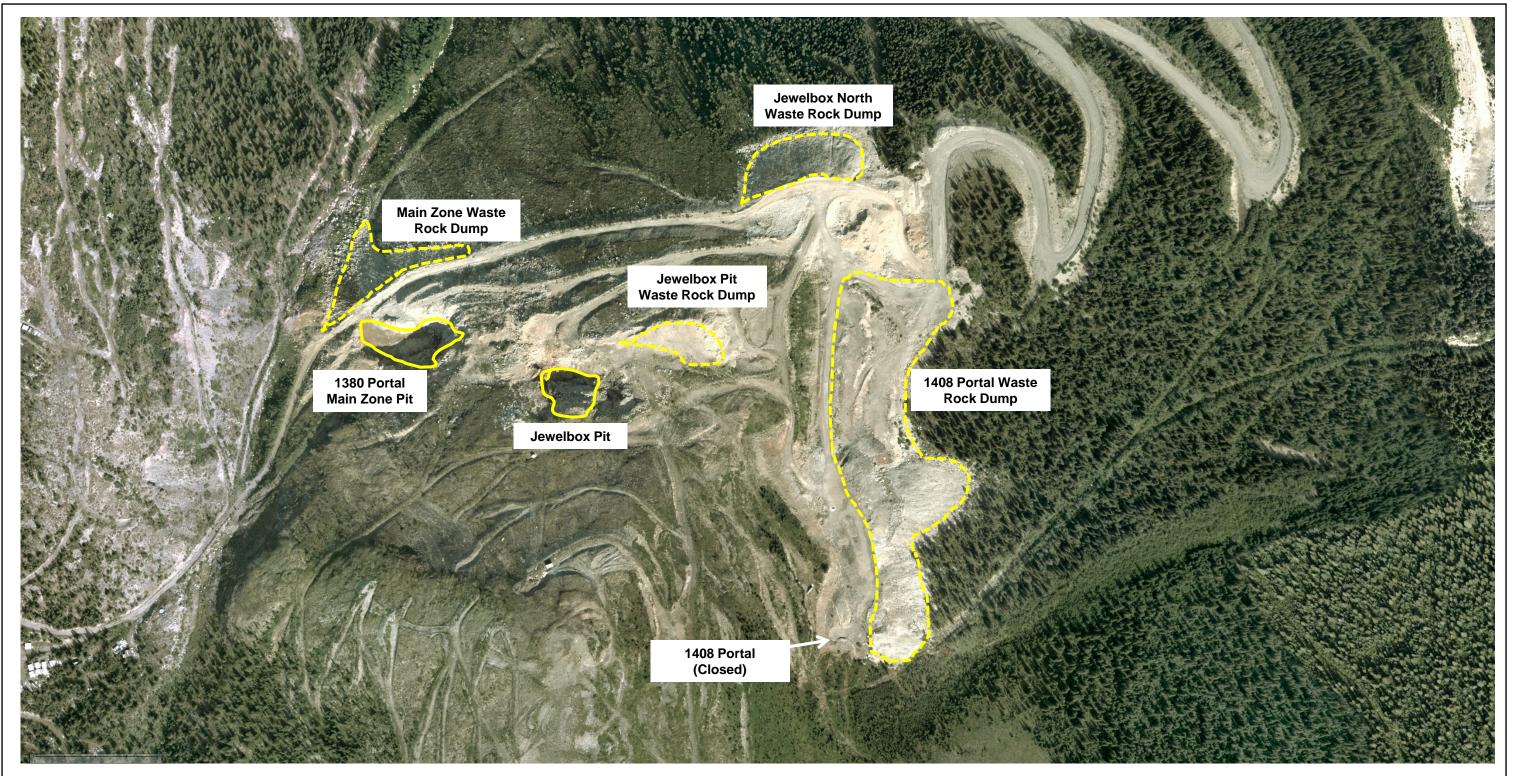








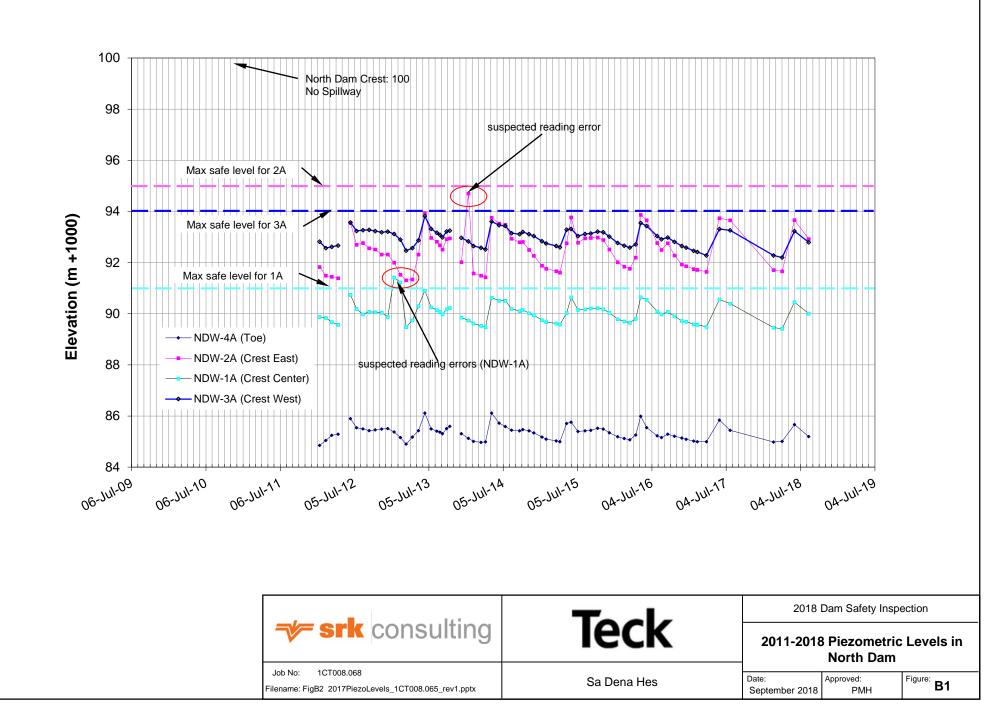
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Appendix A – Piezometric Levels



Appendix B – Photo Log



Photo 1: North Dam Crest looking west



Photo 2: Downstream slope of the North Dam looking east



Photo 3: North Dam Piezometers NDW-3A and 3B, NDS-3



Photo 4: Missing cap on Piezo NDW 1A.



Photo 5: Settlement Gauge NDS-1



Photo 6: Missing cap on Piezometer NDW-2B



Photo 7: Seepage at toe of North Dam, mainly due to hillside seepage from the west



Photo 8: Sampling location at Pipe Weir MW-02



Photo 9: View looking north of drainage swale on tailings till cover



Photo 10: View looking south of drainage swale draining south



Photo 11: Vegetation on tailings cover



Photo 12: Beaver dam at inlet to North Creek crossing



Photo 13: North Creek Crossing



Photo 14: Outlet of North Creek crossing



Photo 15: Outlet of Second crossing on North Creek



Photo 16: Second Crossing of North Creek



Photo 17: View looking north of the spillway at the SRS



Photo 18: Sediment collection pond upstream of SRS



Photo 19: View of the eastern end of the riprap buttress along the D/S toe of the SRS dyke



Photo 20: View of the south channel looking south from the SRS Dyke



Photo 21: View south of the North Diversion Channel



Photo 22: View upstream of the Camp Creek channel



Photo 23: View north along the South Diversion drainage channel



Photo 24: Regraded slopes of Jewelbox waste rock dump



Photo 25: Erosion gully at toe of Jewelbox Waste rock dump



Photo 26: erosion gully at toe of Jewelbox waste rock dump with monitoring pin



Photo 27 minor subsidence on the slope of the backfill at Portal 1200 on Burnick

Appendix C – Facility Data Sheet

### Appendix C

## Facility Data Sheet

## North Dam and SRS Dyke

### **Physical Description**

North Dam		
Dam Type	Earth Dam, Single Stage, three zones	
Maximum Dam Height	15m	
Dam Crest Width	10m	
Impoundment Area	0.16 km <sup>2</sup>	
Volume of Tailings	400,000 m <sup>3</sup>	
Reservoir Capacity	NA	
Consequence Classification	Significant, Passive care	
Inflow Design Flood (IDF)	1/3 between the 1,000-year event and the PMF	
Design Earthquake	1: 2475- year event	
Spillway Capacity	NA	
Catchment Area	NA till cover slopes (drains) to south towards SRS	
Access to Dam	Vehicles via roads or helicopter in winter	
5	SRS Dyke	
Dam Type	Earth Dam, Single Stage, one zone	
Maximum Dam Height	5m	
Dam Crest Width	4m	
Impoundment Area	Pond area is 1600m <sup>2</sup>	
Volume of Tailings	400,000 m <sup>3</sup>	
Reservoir Capacity	800 m <sup>3</sup>	
Consequence Classification	Low, Passive care	
Inflow Design Flood (IDF)	1,000-year event	
Design Earthquake	1,000-year event	
Spillway Capacity	5.4m <sup>3</sup> /s	
Catchment Area	1.33 sq km	
Access to Dam	Vehicles via roads or helicopter in winter	