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## TAHLTAN HIGHLAND ROUTE

Copper Fox Metals Inc. has requested that McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. expand the work conducted on the Tahltan Highland Route to provide additional information on the construction and operation of this proposed access road with special attention to any safety concerns with this route.

A preliminary design and costing of the Tahltan Highland Access Route (TH Route) has been conducted and presented in previous reports.

The TH Route leaves the Galore Creek Road at 59km and climbs for 2.8 km to the Tahltan Highland Plateau (Plateau) continues along the Plateau for 15km then travels down the east side of the Mess Creek Valley for 12.8km to connect with the Mess Creek Route.

The Tahltan Highland Route avoids major avalanche areas and fish habitat by being above the valley. There are 64 stream crossings and 13 bridges required; from 30 – 100m long and at km 25+500; Aticia Creek will require a bridge span of between 200-340m. In order to return to the Mess Creek Valley the road requires four switchbacks and crosses the same creek five times

The route begins in an area of forest cover and then enters the alpine when it reaches the Tahltan Highland Plateau and returns to forest cover when it descends to the Mess Creek valley. There is approximately 13km of forest cover and 17km of alpine area over the length of the route.

The descent to Mess Creek requires four switchbacks with grades of 10% plus. This portion of the road will require extensive maintenance and the installation of impact barriers or run out lanes. Winter and spring break up will present challenging driving conditions along this portion of the road.

The Tahltan Plateau is an area that appears to have been scoured and will require substantial rockwork and the need to haul surface material from the start of the road.

Wind will be a major concern to the operation of this portion of the road as there is no obstruction to hinder the wind and this will result in drifting of snow and white out conditions during winter. The road will require the installation of roadside markers to outline the road and continual plowing and grading during the winter months.