

The logo for Teck Cominco, featuring the company name in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. A vertical line is positioned to the left of the text, and a horizontal line is positioned below it.

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June 29, 2004

C.I.M.S.
5535 Parkwood Place
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Attention: Mr. Jim Hamaoka

**REFERENCE: Contractor Safety and Health Statistics
Teck Cominco Metals Ltd., Trail, BC**

Dear Mr. Hamaoka:

On behalf of Teck Cominco Metals Limited, we would like to congratulate you and your employees for contributing to a Contractor Frequency and Severity rating of 0 (YTD June 21, 2004).

Since 1998, there has been a continuous improvement in the Health and Safety statistics of contractors working on our property. From a total of 16 Lost Time Incidents and a Frequency of 8.4 in 1999 to one Lost Time Incident and a Frequency of 1.4 and Severity of 2.8 in 2003, up to our current status of 0 LTI's resulting in a frequency of 0 (YTD June 21, 2004).

Many improvements have been made to the Safety and Health systems we have in place to work with contractors both by TCML, as well as the contractors we do business with. As you know there are hazards at any workplace. All must be identified and appropriate control measures put in place. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your jobsite please get them answered and/or resolved, do not let them linger – contact your Owner's Rep. or Contractor Coordinator. Your input and consistent desire to improve in all aspects of Safety and Health is much appreciated.

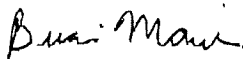
We will soon be moving into the third quarter of 2004, summer and holidays can sometimes take us off our focus on safety on the worksite. I ask that you and your employees continue to provide a strong focus during this time and for the remainder of 2004.

Thank you again and let's plan to work together safely to achieve a record of 0 Lost Time Incidents for 2004.

Sincerely,



L.R. (Lorne) Haas
Safety Coordinator,
Operation Services/Contractors



B.F. (Brian) Marsh
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Contractor Management



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Superintendent, Projects

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