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CONSTRUCTION SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN CARMACKS COPPER PROJECT CARMACKS, YUKON

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Construction Surface Water Management Plan (CSWMP) for the Carmacks Copper Project (Project) construction phase. Stage I and Stage II represent initial phases of the construction. Since the project is being developed incrementally, Stage III and Stage IV are a transition from the construction phase into the operational phase of the Project. A separate SWMP has been developed for the permanent water management requirements for the operation phase of the Project and will be updated during the detailed design for the project and as Western Copper Corporation (WCC) moves into the actual operation of the mine.

The CSWMP describes a surface water management approach to collect, divert and treat water during the construction phase of the Project. This approach involves the use of temporary conveyance structures, permanent conveyance structures, as well as structural erosion and sediment control measures. The primary objective of the CSWMP is to minimize construction related impacts to surface water quantity and quality, while also facilitating construction works.

This CSWMP describes a preliminary site construction sequence, as well as the location and construction sequence of temporary and permanent water management measures that should be in place during construction for each of the major site facilities, and then into the operational phase for each facility. Details and construction guidelines for each of the proposed measures and erosion and sediment control structures are also presented in this report.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the Construction Surface Water Management Plan (CSWMP) for the Carmacks Copper Project (the Project) construction phase. The CSWMP describes the temporary conveyance structures, permanent conveyance structures, and erosion and sediment control measures to be used during construction of each of the major site facilities. The construction of the Project has been subdivided into four stages. Stage I and Stage II represent the initial phases of construction for the Project. Since the overall project will be incrementally developed, Stages III and Stages IV represent a transition from construction into operation. A separate Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) has been developed for the permanent water management requirements for the operation phase of the Project and will be updated during the detailed design for the project and as Western Copper Corporation (WCC) moves into the actual operation of the mine.

Golder has relied on information obtained during Golder's 2007 field investigation program in addition to information obtained from previous work and Project information presented by Western Copper Corporation, and assumes there are no major omissions. Where available information is limited, or where additional detailed field investigation work may affect the design, attempts have been made to identify the interpretations and assumptions made.

The scope of this report is limited to the hydrotechnical aspects only, and does not include any specific provisions for the investigation, testing or assessment of the potential presence or impact of soil or groundwater contamination at the site, as this is beyond Golder's scope of work.

This report should be read in conjunction with the "**Important Information and Limitations of This Report**" which is appended following the text of the report. The reader's attention is specifically drawn to this information, as it is essential that it is followed for the proper use and interpretation of this report.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The Carmacks Copper Project consists of a proposed open pit copper mine with supporting infrastructure for extraction and processing of copper ore. The site is located in the Yukon Territory about 38 km northwest of the Village of Carmacks and 192 km north of Whitehorse (Figure 1).

The major infrastructure for the project includes the following:

- Open Pit Mine;
- Heap Leach Facility (HLF);
- Waste Rock Storage Area (WRSA);
- Crusher Plant;
- Process Plant;
- Events Pond;
- Truck Shop;
- Mine Haul Roads; and
- Camp Site.

3.0 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

The overall project construction sequence is described below and presented graphically on Sheets 1 to 4. This is considered a general sequence of construction that will be used to implement the CSWMP. Deviations from this sequence may occur during the construction program based on scheduling, material and equipment availabilities. The construction sequence has been divided into four main stages, which are described below:

STAGE I

The first stage of the construction phase includes construction of the Crusher Plant, Explosives Storage Area and Explosives Magazine, access road from the Crusher Plant to the Open Pit, the HLF and WRSA sediment ponds and the southern major diversion ditches around the HLF and WRSA. Diversion ditches around the Crusher Plant and downstream of the Pre-Production Open Pit will also be constructed.

Stockpile areas will be established north of the Open Pit, east of the HLF sediment pond, and near the WRSA sediment pond to contain any organic material or other materials stripped during development. Borrow pits will be established at the Plant Site and the WRSA and the Pre-Production Open Pit will be pre-stripped to obtain material for construction of the site facilities.

During Stage I construction, the Sediment Ponds will function as storage ponds whereby stored runoff will be used for moisture conditioning of soils and general site use such as dust suppression. Also, during Stage I, non-contact runoff from undisturbed areas will be conveyed in the diversion ditches around construction areas and then will be released into wide, natural overland flow areas. The overland flow areas will promote sheet flow, thereby reducing flow velocities and encouraging infiltration.

STAGE II

Once the HLF sediment pond and required segments of the surface water diversion ditches are constructed, the Plant Site, HLF Containment Berm, Events Pond, Truck Shop and Camp Site will be constructed. The access road between the WRSA and Open Pit will also be constructed.

Diversion ditches will be constructed to direct runoff around the areas to be stripped within the WRSA and HLF. The southern portion of the HLF will be stripped and graded and the eastern portion of the WRSA will be cleared and stripped of organics. Stockpiles will be developed to the south of the WRSA, and south of the Crusher Plant. Borrow Pits will be developed to the south of the Open Pit, west of the HLF, and west of the Truck Shop.

During Stage II water accumulated in either of the Sediment Ponds will be discharged to the adjacent natural water courses following removal of suspended particles, and/or reused during construction. Non-contact site runoff conveyed in the diversion ditches will also be discharged into adjacent waterways with implementation of best management practices to minimize suspended particles entering the water courses.

STAGE III

The third stage represents a transition from construction into operation, with incremental construction occurring. Stage three includes expansion of the HLF, Open Pit and WRSA and stripping the remaining footprint of the WRSA. The diversion ditches around the WRSA will be connected so that runoff drains to the WRSA sediment pond and diversion ditches around the HLF will be connected so that runoff drains to the HLF sediment pond. If necessary, a borrow pit and stockpile will be developed near the Explosives Storage Area.

STAGE IV

Stage four occurs during the operation of the mine and comprises expansion of the HLF and WRSA and Open Pit and completion of the remaining diversion ditches.

4.0 CSWMP DESIGN BASIS

The primary objective of the CSWMP is to minimize construction related impacts to surface water quantity and quality, while also facilitating construction works. Surface water management controls are to be implemented to divert overland flow around construction areas, reduce erosion and remove suspended sediments from surface water before it is released into wide, natural overland flow areas or back into natural watercourses.

This CSWMP considers construction areas to be disturbed non-industrial areas with a potential for inert sediment generation. No treatment or control measures have been included for any industrial chemicals or other contaminants. Additional controls or treatment facilities may be required for that purpose.

The CSWMP's for each of the major site facilities are presented on Sheets 1 to 5. The plans are based on four main principles for managing surface water during the construction phase of the project, as follows:

- *Construction of surface water controls* includes construction of sediment ponds, diversion ditches, check dams and sediment barriers, and establishment of stockpile areas prior to any large scale land clearing or construction activity begins.
- *Diverting overland runoff from undisturbed areas* includes interception and diversion of runoff from undisturbed areas around the construction sites to keep the construction areas dry and to minimize the potential for sediment transport into natural watercourses.
- *Control of sediment near the source* the size and number of erosion and sediment controls is reduced by controlling sediment near the source.
- *Protect receiving waters downstream of the construction sites* runoff from disturbed areas is collected and treated in Sediment Ponds to remove sediment prior to re-use at the site or release to natural watercourses.

5.0 PROPOSED SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

A number of temporary water management control structures have been proposed for the CSWMP. These structures correspond to standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) which have been adopted for the Project. Sheet 5 and Appendix I present construction guidelines for the proposed BMPs. To assure continued performance and functionality, all control structures should be inspected regularly, maintained and repaired, as required.

5.1 Permanent Diversion Ditches

Permanent diversion ditches are used to divert overland flow from undisturbed and disturbed areas and release it into wide, natural overland flow areas, natural watercourses or sediment ponds. The design of permanent diversion ditches and sediment ponds will be covered under a separate report.

5.2 Temporary Diversion Ditches

Temporary diversion ditches should be used to capture overland water flow from undisturbed areas and divert it around the construction sites and into wide, natural overland flow areas or natural watercourses downslope. These measures will not only facilitate construction, but will also limit the volume of water requiring treatment and the amount of sediment potentially eroded from disturbed areas.

Several diversion ditches are proposed in the CSWMP. Ditches with less than 2% grade are unlined but contain check dams to reduce velocities and settle sediment. Ditches that exceed 2% grade are lined with non woven geotextile over which rock riprap will be placed (refer to Sheet 5).

5.3 Check Dams

Check dams are small temporary structures installed within a ditch to reduce flow velocity, reducing potential to cause erosion in the channel and allowing sediment to settle.

For this project, it is recommended that check dams are installed along the sections of the diversion ditches that are not lined with rock riprap. As illustrated in Sheet 5, check dams should be spaced at approximately 40 m intervals.

5.4 Sediment Barrier - Brushwood Barriers and Sediment Fences

These are temporary filters made of brushwood available at the site wrapped in geotextile or sediment fences that provide a physical barrier to sediment and help reduce the velocity of overland surface water runoff. Sediment fences are linear filter barriers installed to prevent or minimize transport of sediment in overland runoff.

Brushwood barriers or alternatively sediment fences can be used downslope of disturbed areas and around stockpiles to capture sediment.

5.5 Additional Considerations

In addition to the control structures described above, the following BMPs should be applied to the construction sites:

- Maintain as much of the existing vegetation as possible. Limiting the disturbance is recognized as the single, most effective method of reducing erosion.
- Limit the length and steepness of excavated slopes by benching.
- Surface compaction reduces the potential for suspending sediment. Roughening the surface of disturbed areas serves to increase infiltration into the ground surface during rainfall events. Roughening the surface of a disturbed area can be accomplished by tracking the area with heavy equipment, such as a bulldozer, or track mounted excavator.
- Prevent tracking of sediments off-site by implementing dust control measures for roads.

It is recommended that surface water management monitoring be implemented during the construction phase, with regular inspections and water sampling if required, to assure the performance of the control measures meets the water quality standards for the Project.

6.0 MONITORING

All water management structures should be monitored weekly and after each rain event for maintenance purposes. Accumulated sediment should be cleaned out and buried and away from drainage flow paths and natural watercourses. Additional erosion and sediment controls may need to be implemented as required.

7.0 CLOSURE

We trust that the information contained in this report meets your present requirements. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Yours very truly,

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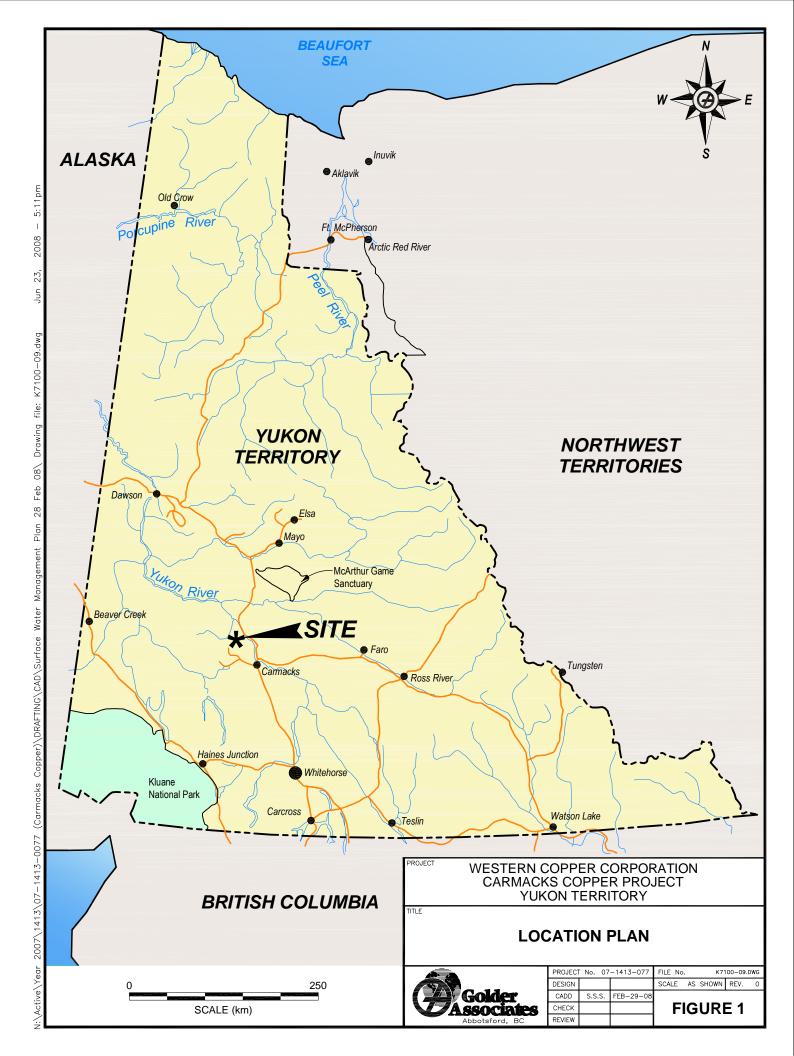
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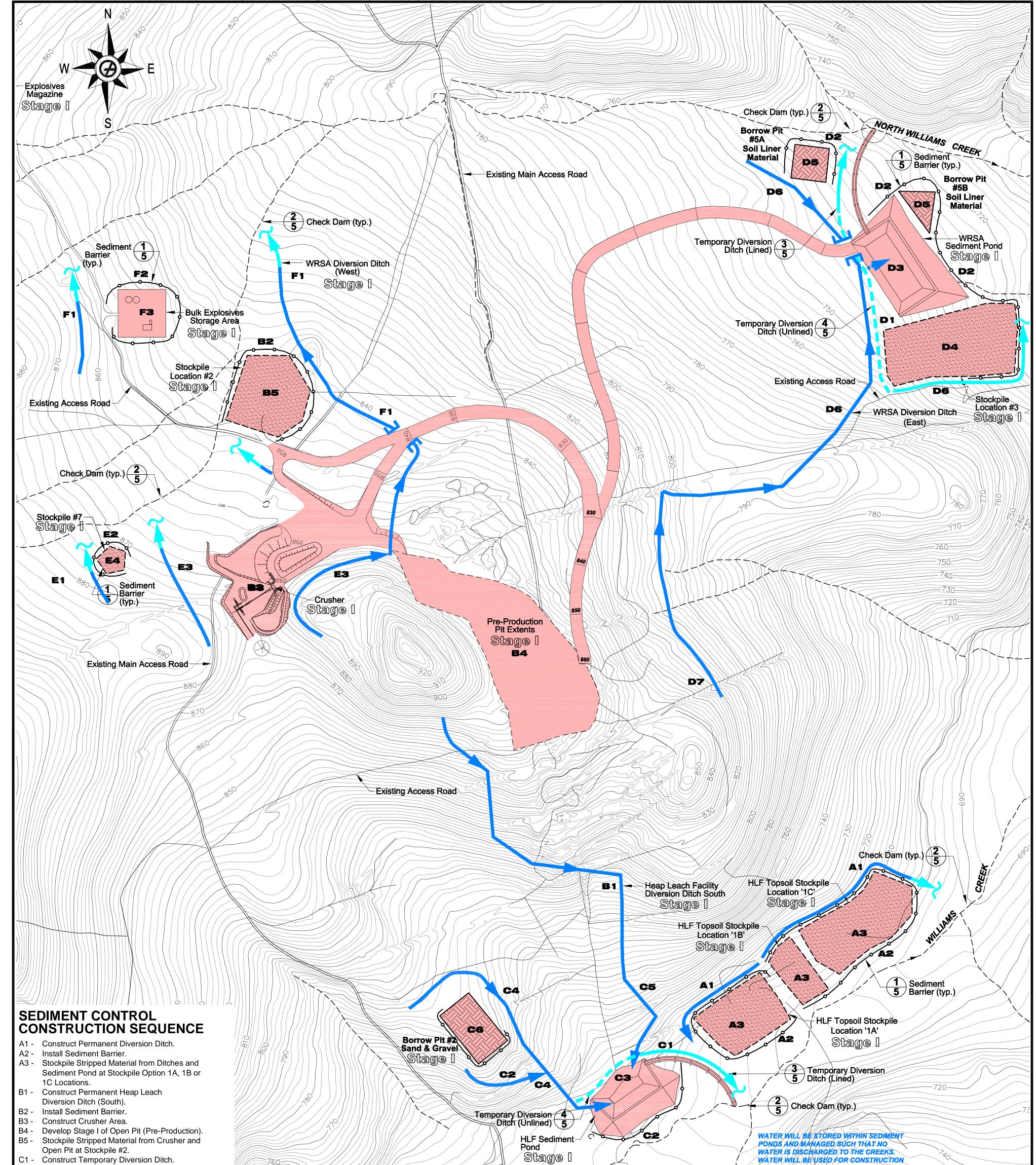
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Drainage of subsurface water is commonly required either for temporary or permanent installations for the project. Improper design or construction of drainage or dewatering can have serious consequences. Golder takes no responsibility for the effects of drainage unless specifically involved in the detailed design and construction monitoring of the system.







- Open Pit at Stockpile #2.
- C1 Construct Temporary Diversion Ditch.
- C2 Install Sediment Barrier.
- Construct Sediment Pond and Spillway. C3 -
- C4 Construct Permanent Diversion Ditches from Borrow Pit #2 to Sediment Pond.
- C5 Connect Heap Leach Facility Diverson Ditch (South) to Sediment Pond
- C6 Develop Borrow Pit #2
- D1 Construct Temporary Diversion Ditch.
- D2 Install Sediment Barriers.
- D3 Construct Sediment Pond and Spillway.
- D4 Stockpile Stripped Material from WRSA Sedment Pond at Location #3.
- D5 Develop Borrow Pits #5A and #5B.
- Construct Permanent WRSA Diversion Ditch (East). D6 -
- D7 Construct Permanent Diversion Ditch and connect to WRSA Diversion Ditch.
- E1 Construct Diversion Ditch.
- E2 Install Sediment Barrier.
- Construct Permanent Diversion Ditches for E3 -Crusher and Truck Shop Areas.
- E4 Stockpile Stripped Material from Northern Ditches at Stockpile Location #7.
- Construct Permanent Diversion Ditch. F1 -
- Install Sediment Barriers. F2 -
- Construct Explosives Storage Area. F3 -
- F4 Stockpile Stripped Material from Explosives Area at Location #2.

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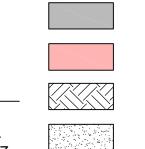
- 2. Some Construction Sequences may occur Concurrently.
- 3. All Temporary and Permanent Unlined Diversion Ditches are to Check Dams Spaced at 40m Intervals See Detail 2, on Sheet 5.

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LEGEND Stage |

- Mine Facility Construction Stage Features Completed During Previous Construction Stage Stage I Construction Limits
- Approximate Borrow Area

Approximate Stockpile Location

Permanent Culvert

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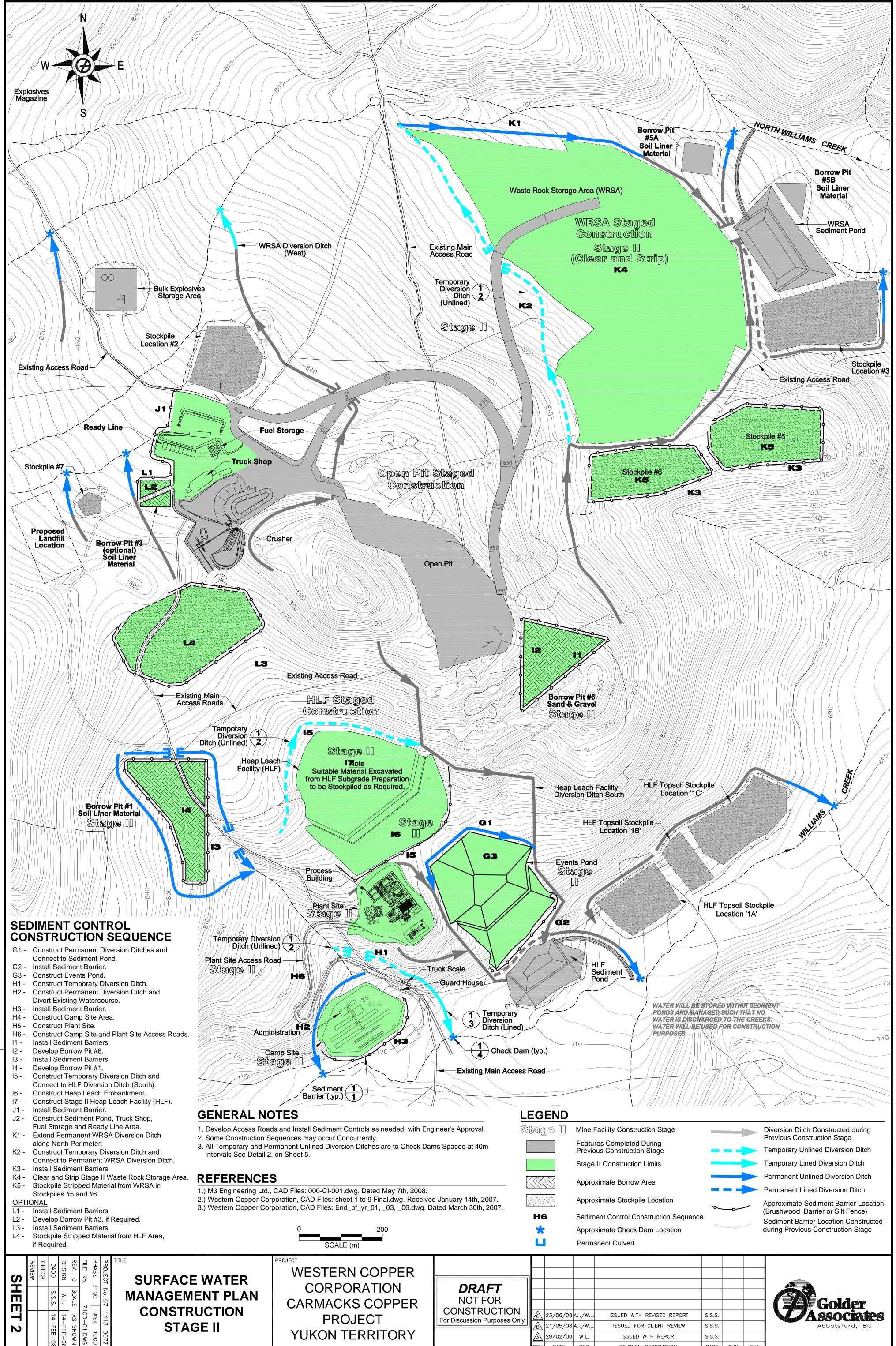
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Stage I

Existing Main Access Road





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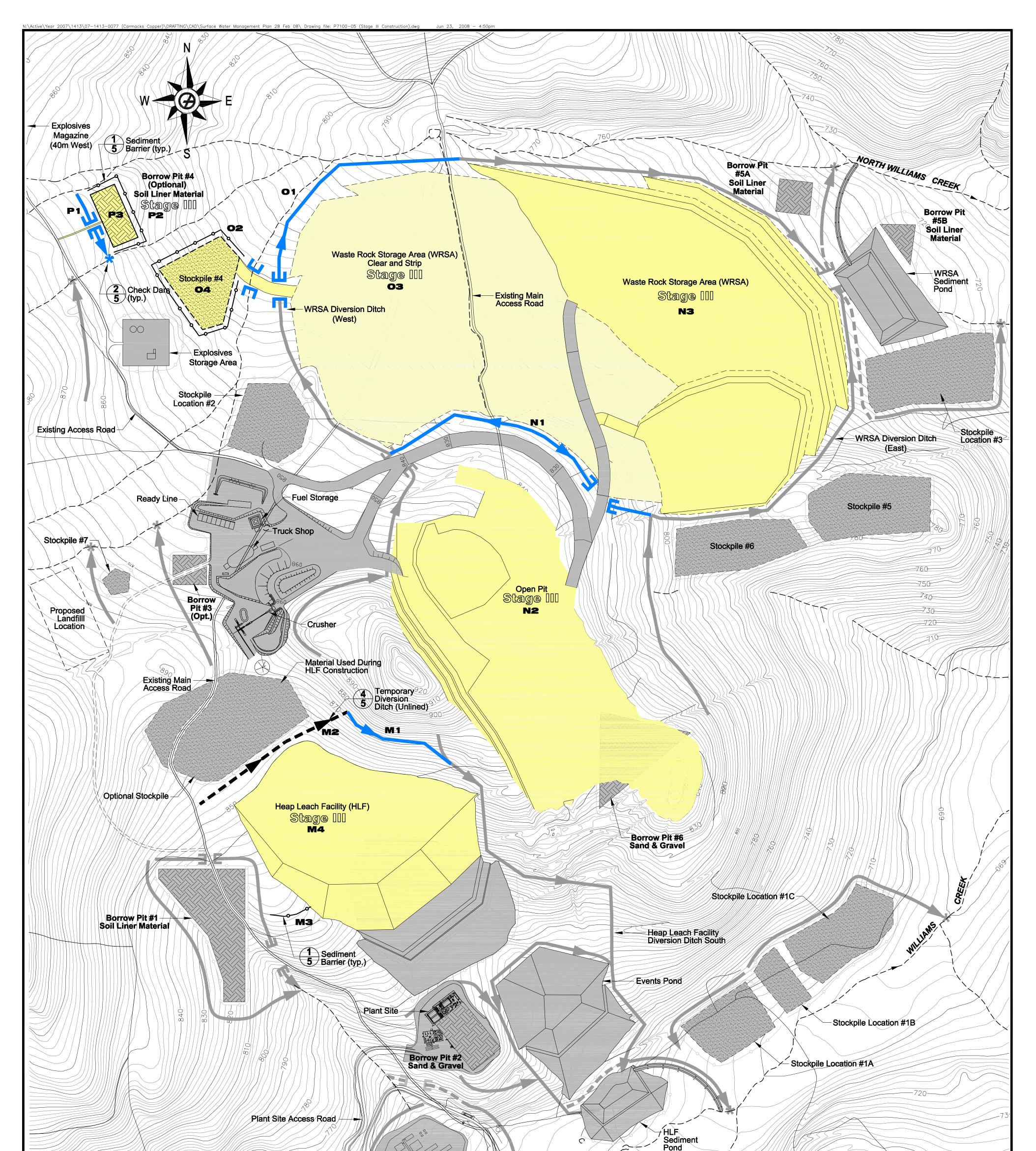
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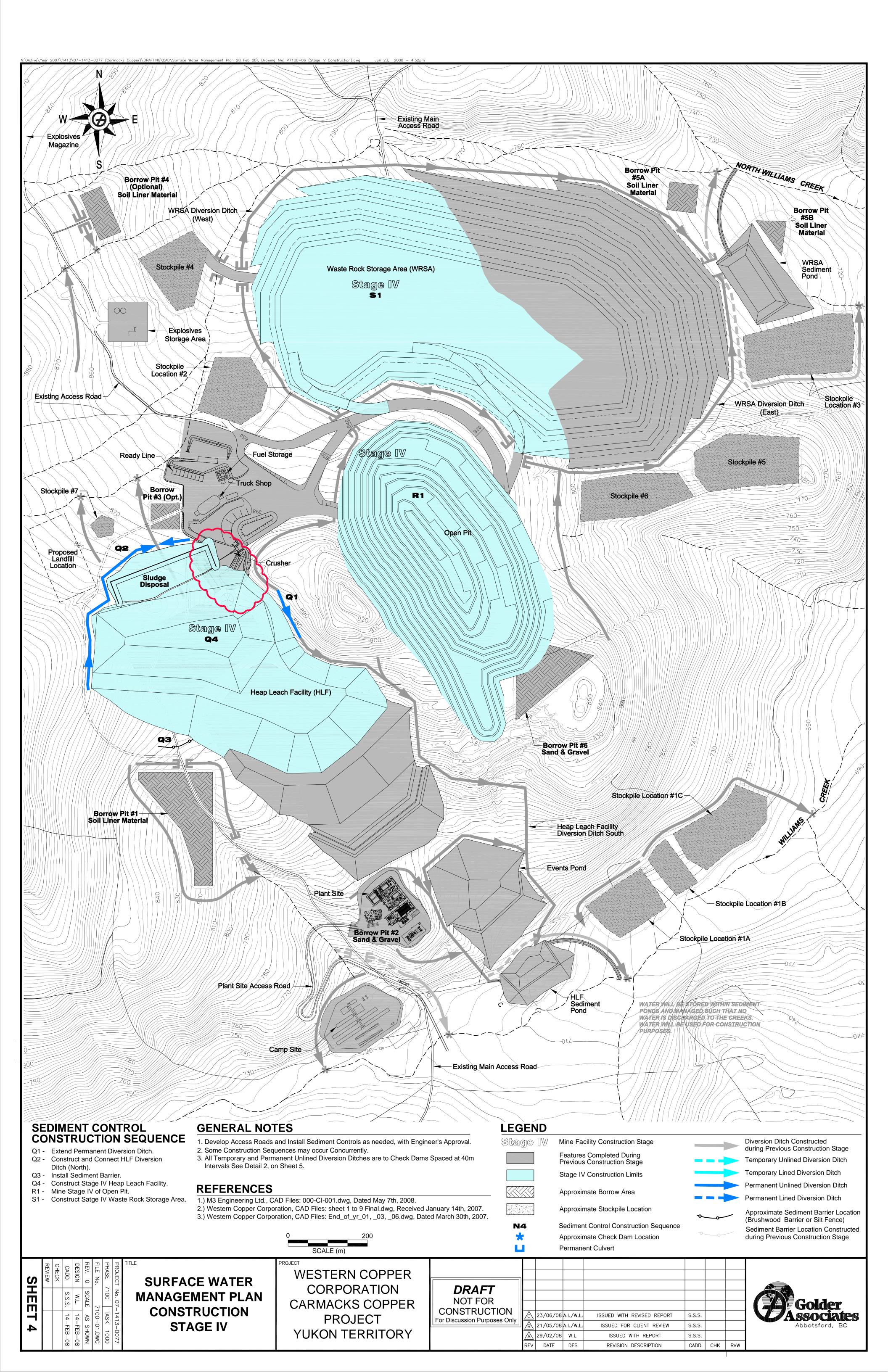
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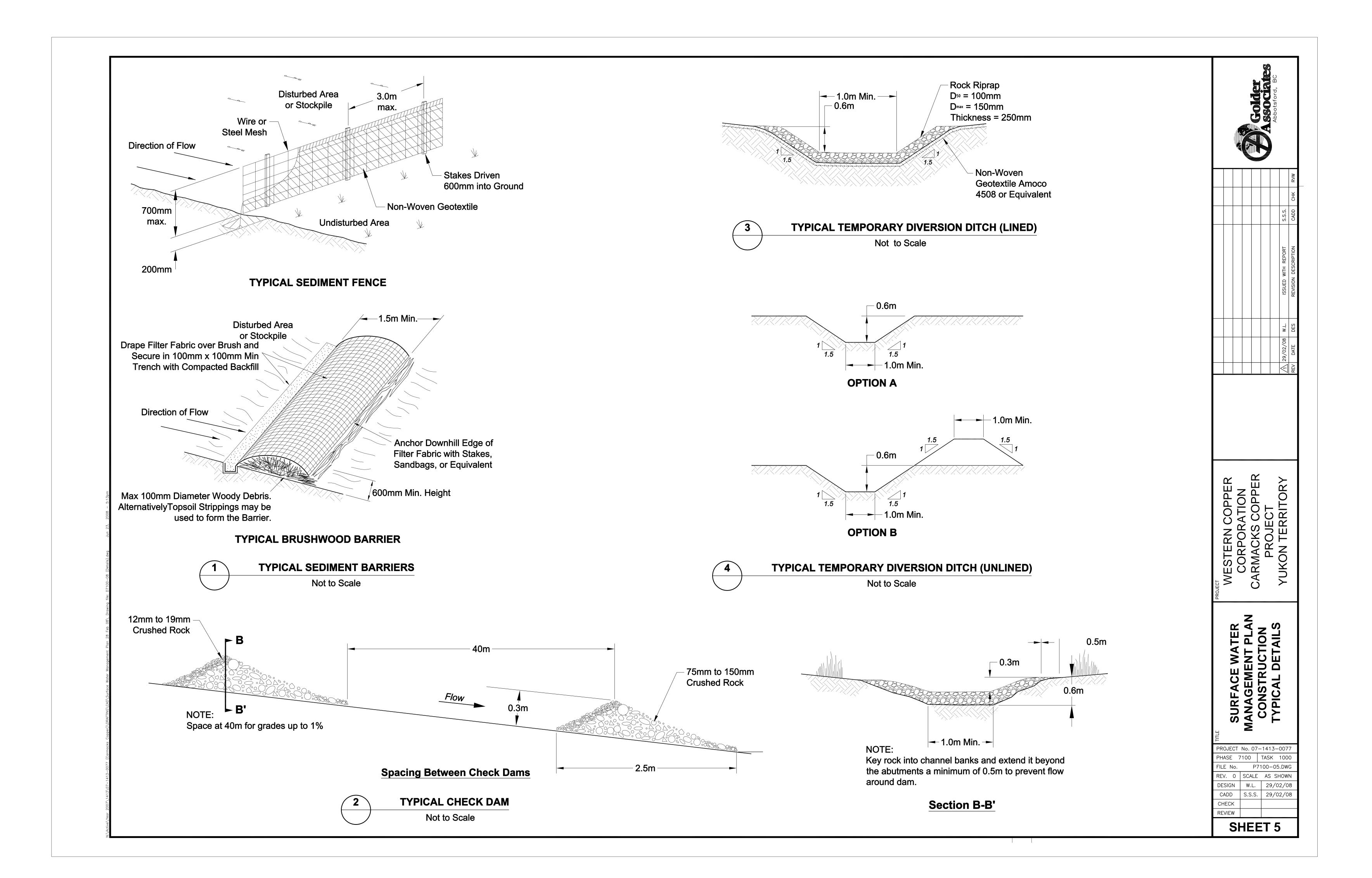
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Camp Site **SEDIMENT CONTROL CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE** Existing Main Access Road M1 - Extend Permanent HLF Diversion Ditch. M2 - Construct Temporary Stage III Diversion Ditch and Connect to Permanent HLF Diversion Ditch. M3 - Install Sediment Barrier. M4 - Construct Stage III Heap Leach Facility. N1 - Construct Permanent Diversion Ditch Connecting **GENERAL NOTES** LEGEND WRSA (West) and WRSA (East) Diversion Ditches. Stage III **Diversion Ditch Constructed** N2 - Mine Stage III of Open Pit. 1. Develop Access Roads and Install Sediment Controls as needed, with Engineer's Approval. Mine Facility Construction Stage during Previous Construction Stage N3 - Construct Stage III of Waste Rock Storage Area. 2. Some Construction Sequences may occur Concurrently. Features Completed During Previous Construction Stage 3. All Temporary and Permanent Unlined Diversion Ditches are to Check Dams Spaced at 40m Temporary Unlined Diversion Ditch Construct, Connect and Complete WRSA Diversion 01 -Intervals See Detail 2, on Sheet 5. Temporary Lined Diversion Ditch Ditch Perimeter. Stage III Construction Limits O2 - Install Sediment Barrier. Permanent Unlined Diversion Ditch **REFERENCES** O3 - Clear and Strip Stage III WRSA. Approximate Borrow Area O4 - Stockpile Stripped Material from WRSA in Stockpile Permanent Lined Diversion Ditch 1.) M3 Engineering Ltd., CAD Files: 000-CI-001.dwg, Dated May 7th, 2008. Location #4. 2.) Western Copper Corporation, CAD Files: sheet 1 to 9 Final.dwg, Received January 14th, 2007. Approximate Stockpile Location Approximate Sediment Barrier Location 3.) Western Copper Corporation, CAD Files: End_of_yr_01, _03, _06.dwg, Dated March 30th, 2007. (Brushwood Barrier or Silt Fence) **OPTIONAL** N4 Sediment Control Construction Sequence Sediment Barrier Location Constructed P1 - Construct Permanent Diversion Ditch. 200 * Approximate Check Dam Location during Previous Construction Stage P2 - Install Sediment Barrier. P3 - Develop Borrow Pit # 4. Permanent Culvert SCALE (m) PROJECT TITLE WESTERN COPPER ADD - -OJECT I C K SHE No SURFACE WATER CORPORATION DRAFT 7100 W.L **MANAGEMENT PLAN** S NOT FOR **CARMACKS COPPER** 0[.] Π CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTION TASK 100-14 AS 23/06/08 A.I./W.L ISSUED WITH REVISED REPORT S.S.S. | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> PROJECT For Discussion Purposes Only **STAGE III** \mathbb{A} 21/05/08 A.I./W.L ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW S.S.S. SHOWN -FEB-08 -FEB-08 <u>0</u>1 Abbotsford, BC ω YUKON TERRITORY 100 .DV \land 29/02/08 W.L. ISSUED WITH REPORT S.S.S. REV DATE DES CADD **REVISION DESCRIPTION** СНК RVW





APPENDIX I

CSWMP GUIDELINES

BRUSH BARRIER AND BRUSH MATTING MATERIALS

Lay temporary brush barrier, constructed from residue from site clearing, at perimeter of site to intercept and retain sediment in runoff water from disturbed areas. Install overlapping layers of brush barrier using material with stems less than 100 mm in diameter.

Wrap woven geotextile filter fabric over the brush and clearing material and place ends in trenches located along the length of the barrier.

Backfill trench with compacted soil to anchor fabric.

SEDIMENT FENCE

- Construct sediment fence from woven geotextile filter fabric attached to the upstream face of steel posts 1.5 m long. Install posts to depth of 600 mm in ground at 3 m centres. When fabric is used without the wire support fence, post spacing shall not exceed 1.5 m.
- When standard-strength filter fabric is used, a wire mesh support fence shall be fastened securely to the upslope side of the posts using heavy duty wire staples at least 25 mm long or tie wires.
- The standard-strength filter fabric shall be stapled or wired to the fence, and 0.75 m of the fabric shall extend into the trench. The fabric shall not extend more than 1 m above the original ground surface. When extra-strength filter fabric and closer post spacing are used, the wire mesh support fence may be eliminated. The filter fabric is then stapled or wired directly to the posts.
- Bury lower edge of filter fabric in a trench excavated a minimum of 300 mm wide and 300 mm deep on upstream side of posts. Backfill trench and compact soil. Overlap edges of fabric lengthways by 0.5 m. Turn the ends of the fence uphill. The height of a sediment fence shall not exceed 1 m.
- Sediment fences should be placed on contour to be most effective.

CHECK DAMS

- Check dams are intended to reduce gully erosion. Check dams reduce flow velocities, trap and store larger-sized sediment and provide stabilized drops.
- They are keyed into the bank and bottom sufficiently.
- They are maintained so that one failed check dam does not jeopardize the entire series.