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CC&V High Grade Mill 25 Gallon Slurry Spill Report

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Hi Tim,

Following on from our conversation earlier today regarding a minor spill from the High Grade Mill, please find attached a short event summary.

Date	5 th December 2016
Time	10:00am
Location	High Grade Mill – CIP circuit
Event Description	<p>At approximately 10:00am the Carbon in Pulp (CIP) operator was in the process of pulling carbon out of CIP #5 whereby undersized material is transferred into the CIP train along with the normal CIP feed. During this process the CIP discharge pump effectiveness reduced, resulting in slurry overflowing from the discharge pump box onto the mill containment floor.</p> <p>The operator who was working on the transfer of carbon and the inspection of the CIP pump screen failed to identify the overtopping. Consequently, the area progressively filled with slurry up to the east side CIP man door which was closed. Once the operator identified the problem with the sump box and shut down the circuit feed from the undersized tank, approximately 25 gallons of slurry that was 31% solids with a WAD CN concentration of 670ppm ran under the door and onto the mill secondary containment. The operator attempted to back flush the pump in order to regain flow however was unsuccessful at which time they changed to the backup CIP discharge pump and full flow was achieved. The work area Supervisor was contacted and the cleanup of released slurry commenced immediately.</p>
Immediate Actions	The slurry that was lost to secondary containment was excavated with a skid loader and dumped into the primary containment of the HPH thickener. Material (impacted rock) was then triple rinsed into the HPH containment sump pump and transferred into the HPH thickener. The oversized rock from the excavation was placed back into the spill excavation area after the rinse.
Longer term planned actions	The door whereby slurry was allowed to pass is planned to be removed and is scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2017. Removal of this door will eliminate this potential and further enhance the containment within this area.

As agreed please confirm the timing requirements for the final report and should you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself or Meg.

Regards,



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