

Timmins Chamber of Commerce Chambre de commerce de Timmins

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington St
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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RE: Potential Merger- Falconbridge

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 550 businesses in the City of Timmins, feels compelled to ensure that full consideration is given to the proposed mega-merger of Falconbridge, Inco and others.

Timmins is a resource based community built on mining and forestry, and Falconbridge has played a crucial role in our local economy for many years, both through direct employment and by spin-off jobs created in the local and regional economy.

The Chamber is concerned that the businesses providing services and products to Falconbridge, may be adversely affected by this proposed merger. Our goal is to work with all of the businesses involved to ensure positive benefits for our community, continued employment and local investment.

We thank you for your careful consideration of our local business situation in your decision making process.


Yours truly,





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- cc.** The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry
Mr. Scott Hand, Chairman & CEO Inco
Mr. Derek Parnell, CEO Falconbridge Ltd.
Mr. Charlie Angus, MP Timmins-James Bay
Mayor Victor M. Power, City of Timmins
Mr. Dave McGirr, Chair, Timmins Economic Development Corporation

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