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EOC – Mount Polley – 14-01

For immediate release

Mount Polley Mine Tailings Pond Breached CRD Emergency Operations Centre Open

Likely, B.C. - The Cariboo Regional District has been apprised of a breach of the Mount Polley Mine tailings pond. The CRD is working with the RCMP, Emergency Management BC, Central Cariboo Search and Rescue, Mount Polley, Interior Health and other associated agencies to determine the extent and possible impacts of the breach.

A helicopter reconnaissance is underway and further information will be released as it becomes available. A public information line in the CRD Emergency Operations Centre has been established at 250-398-5581.

People living in, or travelling through the affected area are advised that a complete water use ban is in effect until further notice. This includes water recreational activities, drinking, cooking, bathing etc. Only use bottled water until further notice.

For accurate and up to date information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District's Emergency Operations Facebook page at facebook.com/CRDemergencyoperations or the CRD web site at cariboord.ca. A public information line has been established at 250-398-5581.

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Note to media: A map of the affected area will be following shortly. Media calls should be directed to 250-305-8151.