

March 1, 2026

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Subject: 30 Day Follow Up Report – Tailings Pipeline Failure – January 30, 2026

Dear sir(s) and madam(s):

As per Condition 10.4.2 of The Federal Decision Statement, please see the 30 day follow up report information below associated with “Initial Notification – Tailings Pipeline Failure – January 30, 2026”.

At approximately 11:00 am on January 30, 2026, a tailings line failure was discovered at Choke Station 2 (10U 373680 5895765). The failure caused a 362 m³ tailings slurry spill (DGIR #260410). The release was contained to the designed footprint of TSF-C. Release response was implemented immediately and actions are detailed below.

Response actions that occurred are listed below:

- Release area was assessed and contributing sources were ceased as soon as practicable;
- The Central Water Transfer Pond (CWTP) diversion pumps were shut down as an emergency measure to prevent potential conveyance downstream;
- Hydrovac truck was immediately dispatched to recover released materials;
- Excavator was dispatched to incident location to contain and control release;
- Additional sandbags were added to pre-existing sandbag berm in the South Collection Channel (SCC) to contain the spill and facilitate conveyance of contaminated water to the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) as a precautionary measure implemented during recovery activities.

Response actions and clean-up efforts continued until February 16, 2026, when the contaminated material was adequately removed from the release location and deposited in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) footprint for disposal. There were no adverse receiving environment effects resulting from this incident with no flora, fauna or watercourses being affected.

Release monitoring of the SCC and/or CWTP continued until February 13, 2026 (once clean up was substantially complete) and is described in the list below:

- TS-Spill-SCC (Appendix A - Table 1)
 - Location: sample collected in the South Collection Channel downstream of spill site and upstream of sandbag berm
 - *Note: the results of this sample were to assess spill material composition and did not, nor was at risk of discharging to the receiving environment*
 - Sample Date(s): January 30
 - Target Parameter: Cyanide
- TS-Spill-CWTP-02 (Appendix A - Table 2)
 - Location: sample collected in Central Water Transfer Pond upstream of SSC inlet
 - Sample Date(s): February 1
 - Target Parameter: Cyanide

- TS-Spill-CWTP-01 (Appendix A - Table 3 and 4)
 - Location: sample collected in Central Water Transfer Pond downstream of SSC inlet and upstream of Central Diversion System pipeline intake
 - Sample Date(s): February 1, 3, 5, 14
 - Target Parameter: Cyanide, Toxicity (48-hour *Daphnia magna* and 96-hour Rainbow trout survival)

In light of sample result receipts indicating CWTP water was safe for release, CDS pumping recommenced on February 13, 2026. The SCC sandbag berm and pump system has been maintained and continues to operate as a contingency measure.

Investigation following this incident identified the root cause of the pipeline failure to be an engineering design flaw. The design flaw created a step change in internal pipe diameter between the steel reducer of the Choke Station discharge and the HDPE outflow pipe, leading to localized wear.

Following the incident, the following corrective actions have been implemented to prevent recurrence:

- Confirmed transition pipeline condition at Choke Station 1;
- Design and manufacture transition pieces that match internal diameters and eliminate step changes at each choke station;
- At next available maintenance opportunity, install newly designed transition pieces at each choke station;
- Preventative Maintenance work orders have been scheduled for regular intervals to perform ultrasonic thickness inspections at transition locations along the tailings line;
- Ensuring urgent spare parts (i.e. transition and spool pieces) are held in site inventory

BW Gold believes that the information provided in this 30-day follow-up report is adequate to satisfy the requirements of FDS Condition 10.4.3 that are controlled by the Holder. Therefore, a 90-day follow-up report will only be provided if BW Gold receives additional views and advice regarding this incident.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there are any further questions.

Kind regards,

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Appendix A – Monitoring Sample Results

Table 1. TS-Spill-SCC

(Note: the results of this sample were to assess spill material composition and did not, nor was at risk of discharging to the receiving environment)

Client Sample ID			TS-SPILL-SCC
Date Sampled			30-Jan-2026
Time Sampled			13:20
Analyte	Lowest Detection Limit	Units	
Cyanides (Matrix: Water)			
Cyanide, strong acid dissociable (Total)	0.0050	mg/L	0.446
Cyanide, weak acid dissociable	0.0050	mg/L	<0.0500
Thiocyanate	0.50	mg/L	99.2

Table 2. TS-Spill-CWTP-02

Client Sample ID			TS-SPILL-CWTP-02
Date Sampled			01-Feb-2026
Time Sampled			16:02
Analyte	Lowest Detection Limit	Units	
Cyanides (Matrix: Water)			
Cyanide, strong acid dissociable (Total)	0.0050	mg/L	<0.0050
Cyanide, weak acid dissociable	0.0050	mg/L	<0.0050
Thiocyanate	0.50	mg/L	<0.50

Table 3. TS-Spill-CWTP-01

Client Sample ID			TS-SPILL-CWTP-01	TS-SPILL-CWTP-02	TS-SPILL-CWTP-01	TS-SPILL-CWTP-01	TS-SPILL-CWTP-01
Date Sampled			01-Feb-2026	01-Feb-2026	03-Feb-2026	05-Feb-2026	14-Feb-2026
Time Sampled			15:37	16:02	17:00	12:28	12:40
Analyte	Lowest Detection Limit	Units					
Cyanides (Matrix: Water)							
Cyanide, strong acid dissociable (Total)	0.0050	mg/L	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
Cyanide, weak acid dissociable	0.0050	mg/L	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
Thiocyanate	0.50	mg/L	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50

Table 4. TS-Spill-CWTP-01 Acute Toxicity

Client Sample ID			TS-SPILL-CWTP-01
Date Sampled			02-Feb-2026
Time Sampled			10:37
Analyte	Lowest Detection Limit	Units	
Bioassays (Matrix: Water)			
48 hr Daphnia Magna (Percent Survival)	0	% (v/v)	100
96 hr Rainbow Trout (Percent Survival)	0	% (v/v)	100



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Appendix B – DGIR260410 Attachments

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Figure 1. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 2. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 3. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 4. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 5. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 6. Initial spill photograph (Jan 30)



Figure 7. Aerial Photograph (Jan 31)



Figure 8. Aerial photograph (Jan 31)



Figure 9. Aerial photograph (Jan 31)



Figure 10. Cleanup progress (Feb 5)

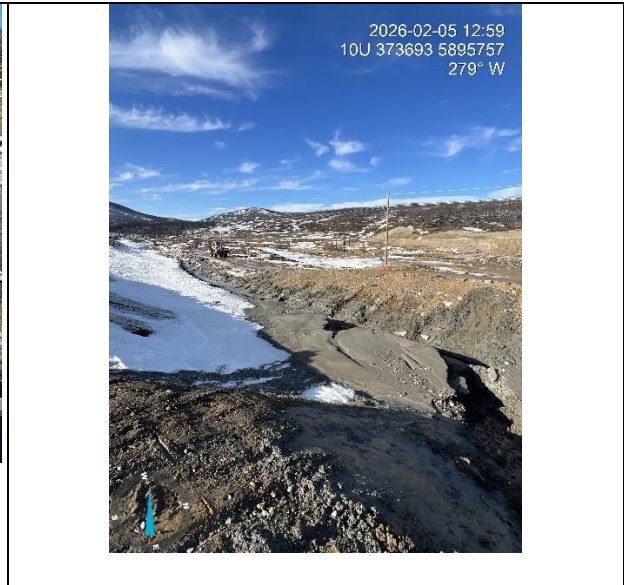


Figure 11. Cleanup progress (Feb 5)



Figure 12. Cleanup progress (Feb 5)

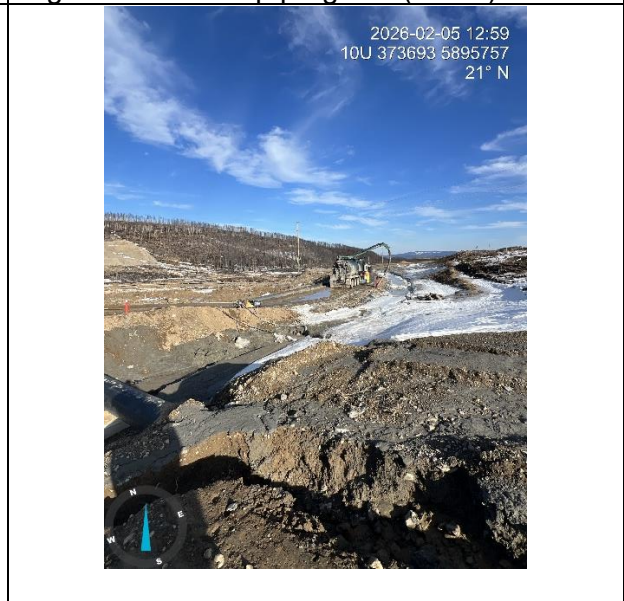


Figure 13. Cleanup progress (Feb 5)



Figure 14. Cleanup progress (Feb 6)



Figure 15. Cleanup progress (Feb 6)



Figure 16. Cleanup progress (Feb 7)



Figure 17. Cleanup progress (Feb 7)



Figure 18. Cleanup progress (Feb 11)



Figure 19. Cleanup progress (Feb 11)



Figure 20. Cleanup progress (Feb 11)



Figure 21. Channel post cleanup (Feb 14)



Figure 22. Channel post cleanup (Feb 14)



Figure 23. Channel post cleanup (Feb 14)



Figure 24. Channel post cleanup (Feb 14)

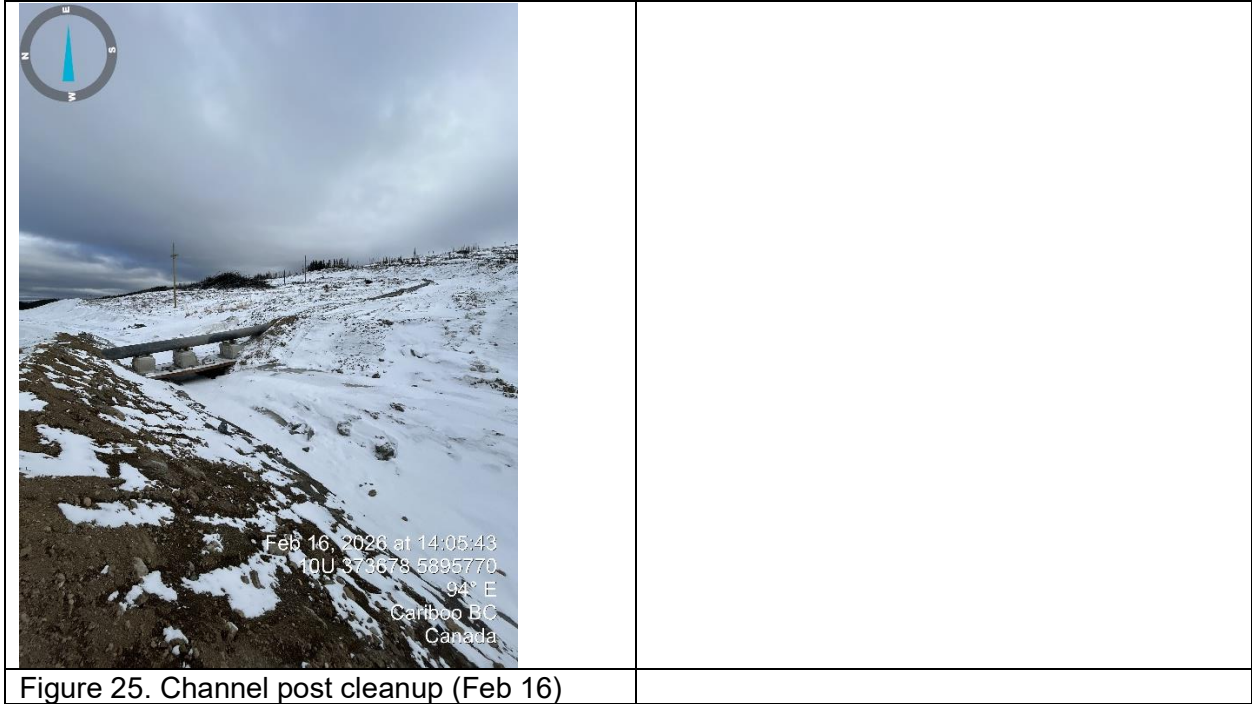




Figure 26. Map of spill location