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Dear Sirs,

Your client: Tamas Kapitany

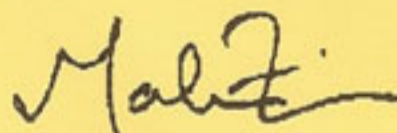
Re: **Chalcocite Crystals**

We refer to your fax dated 14 February 2005 addressed to our solicitors,
Hunt and Humphry.

We have not yet determined the appropriate future for the chalcocite
crystals. One option which the Company is seriously considering is donating
some or all of the crystals to museums and other appropriate institutions. To
date, a number of museums have expressed an interest in receiving
donations of some of the crystals.

However, if we decide to sell any of the crystals, we would be happy to put
you in contact with the brokers that we deal with so that you can make
arrangements to purchase some of the available crystals.

Yours sincerely



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