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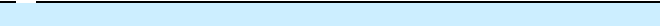
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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference to the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 033-56661) pertaining to the **Northshore Mining Company & Silver Bay Power Company Retirement Savings Plan** of our report dated April 29, 2009, with respect to the financial ~~90% of fact61780~~ of N