

1 Q. **Re: Project B-12 Upgrade Unit 2 Stack Breeching**

2 With reference to pages 19 and 21 of the July 2011 report in support of this Project,  
3 Hydro assumes the failure of the west support structure in 2015. What is the source  
4 and support for this assumption?

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7 A. The Hatch report indicates that the support is in very poor condition and should be  
8 replaced immediately. For the purpose of continuing operation with the status quo  
9 condition, Alternative 4 in the cost benefit analysis, Hydro conservatively assumed  
10 the support structures would last until 2015. This is a judgement Hydro believed to  
11 be realistic for the application.