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Dear Sirs:

We refer to the prospectus of Opta Minerals Inc. (the “Company”) dated February 7, 2005 relating to the sale and issue of 4.5 million units of the Company (each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half common share purchase warrant of the Company).

We consent to the use in the above-mentioned prospectus of our report dated October 4, 2004 (except for note 2 which is as of February 7, 2005) to the directors of the Company on the balance sheet of Opta Minerals Inc. as at July 8, 2004.

We also consent to the use in the above mentioned prospectus of our report dated October 4, 2004 (except for note 14 which is as of February 7, 2005) to the directors of SunOpta Inc. on the:

- Combined balance sheets of Opta Minerals Group (a division of SunOpta Inc.) as at December 31, 2003 and 2002 and combined statements of earnings, retained earnings and cash flows of Opta Minerals Group (a division of SunOpta Inc.) for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2003;

We report that we have read the prospectus and have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained therein that are derived from the financial statements upon which we have reported or that are within our knowledge as a result of our audit of such financial statements.

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**(signed) “PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP”**

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