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Reg. # 2114

Michael McCann, CEO
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Dear Michael McCann:

RE: Labrador City Humphrey South Iron Ore Extension (the Project) Water Resources Management Conditions of Release

On May 27, 2021, the Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions. Two of the conditions of release required Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) to submit an Initial Hydrogeological/Hydrological Assessment Report (IHHAR) and a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP)

On February 7, 2024, and February 23, 2024, IOC submitted the IHHAR and WRMP, respectively, to the Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of this department. Additionally, on May 7, 2024, IOC presented these plans for Indigenous consultation, in accordance with the provincial Aboriginal Consultation Policy. I am advising you that these plans have been reviewed and approved.

Furthermore, as conditions of release, IOC was required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with WRMD to install a real-time water quality/quantity network and to provide a water quality and stage/flow monitoring plan. I acknowledge that the real-time network has been completed and information regarding the water quality and stage/flow monitoring plan was provided in the above noted documents. I am advising you that these conditions of release have been met.

Please be reminded that the IHHAR approval is for the initial report only and as outlined in the condition of release, follow-up reports are required to be submitted annually and approved by WRMD until the groundwater assessment is complete. In addition, when implementing the WRMP, you are required to inform and obtain any approvals from WRMD for the planning, design, and construction of sumps, settling ponds, roadside



ditches, diversion ditches, and berms. Permits required under Section 48 of the **Water Resources Act** must be acquired, where necessary.

You must abide by all commitments made in the IHHAR and WRMP and in all environmental assessment submissions. Any significant change to the IHHAR, WRMP or to the Project must be submitted to this department prior to construction, to be reviewed for regulatory requirements including environmental assessment.

You must also comply with all terms and conditions of the May 27, 2021, decision letter including the requirement to provide the locations of all plants surveyed and confirmation of avian Species at Risk and amphibian species identified in the Project area, prior to Project commencement.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or e-mail at joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Dempster".

HON. LISA DEMPSTER, MHA
District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
Minister