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Dear Patrick Lauziere:

**RE: IOC Western Hillside Tailings Pipeline (the Project)**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador **Environmental Protection Act**, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that the Project is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in Attachment A.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You must inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the release decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced the Project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the term of the release decision for a maximum of three periods of one year. Should the term of the release decision expire, the Project will have to be registered again for environmental assessment, if you wish to proceed. For further information, please email [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).



If you have any questions about the environmental assessment process, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Hon. Bernard Davis, MHA.

**HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville  
Minister

Attachments

Cc. Jordan Brown, MHA, District of Labrador West