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Dear Michel Groleau:

**RE: Review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kami Iron Ore Mine Project (the Project)**

The EIS submitted on July 29, 2025, for the Project has been reviewed as required by the **Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2**. The EIS has been assessed by an Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC), Indigenous Groups and Organizations (IGO's), and the public has had an opportunity to comment. In consideration of this review and the comments received, the EIS has been found to be deficient. Please be advised that you are required to submit an amendment to the EIS to address information gaps.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of areas that require additional information:

- updated information, including 2025 field studies, data and analysis reports to validate effects predictions and conclusions related to the significance of environmental effects for the following VECs:
  - fish and fish habitat,
  - Indigenous and recreational fisheries,
  - avifauna and bats,
  - caribou, and
  - flora and fauna;
- pollution control measures and standard operating procedures that will be implemented to further mitigate fugitive dust generation and nitrogen dioxide emissions;
- solid waste management plans, projected volumes for un-diverted waste, potential effects on the regional landfill and life of the current landfill cell, and an analysis of the alternative to manage waste in an on-site landfill;



- updated Hydrogeological Modelling Report that incorporates recent/new data;
- mapping and GPS coordinates of the boundaries of the Tailings Management Facility and the Wahnahish Lake Protected Public Water Supply Area to demonstrate no overlap;
- additional details on measures that will be undertaken to address effects of Project on socio-economic community services, e.g., health services, education and housing;
- details of Plans required by Section 7.2 of the EIS, including the Workforce and Employment Plan; and
- an annotated Table of Contents for all environmental effects monitoring programs (EEMPs) committed to in the EIS submission, and those required by the EIS guidelines.

My department will contact you to discuss specifics of the information requirements for the EIS amendment.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or via e-mail at [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca) or Paul Carter, Chair of the EAC at (709) 729-0188 or via e-mail at [pcarter@gov.nl.ca](mailto:pcarter@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Tibbs", written over a horizontal line.

**HON. CHRIS TIBBS, MHA**

District of Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans  
Minister

Enclosures

Cc: Joseph Power, MHA – District of Labrador West