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Mr. Patrick Lauziere
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Dear Mr. Lauziere:

Re: Sherwood Pit North

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- IOC must extend the commitments in the Wabush 3 Gender Equity and Diversity Plan (GEDP) to include the Sherwood North Pit. This extension must be outlined in a letter to, and approved by, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women prior to the start of construction. The Project must be included in future GEDP benefits reporting to the Department of Natural Resources.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director (Acting), Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



EDDIE JOYCE, MHA
District of Humber – Bay of Islands
Minister

Attachment

cc: Graham Letto, MHA
District of Labrador West