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Reg. # 1751

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Dear Mukesh Ranjan:

**RE: Howse Property Direct Iron Ore Mine (the Project) Multiple Plans**

On March 21, 2017, the Project was released from environmental assessment with the following conditions:

- An updated Environmental Preview Report document and concordance table must be provided to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment that incorporates any new project information resulting from the federal environmental assessment process prior to the start of construction.
- The Direct Shipping Ore Project Newfoundland and Labrador Benefits Plan must be updated to include the Howse DSO Project. The update must be done in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and meet the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources prior to the start of construction.
- A Gender Equity and Diversity Plan for the Howse DSO Project must be approved by the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and the Minister of Natural Resources prior to the start of construction.

On August 22, 2023, Tata Steel Minerals Canada Limited (TSMC) submitted an updated Environmental Preview Report. I am advising you that this condition of release has been met.

On July 28, 2025, the Environmental Assessment Division was advised that the Benefits Plan, which included the Gender Equity Diversity and Inclusion Plan, was signed by the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology on January 17, 2025. I am advising you that these plans have been reviewed and approved.



As a result of the above noted conditions of release being met, I am hereby rescinding the Cease-and-Desist order of May 10, 2023 which advised TSMC that any continuation of Project construction is strictly prohibited by the **Environmental Protection Act**.

Please be reminded that you are also required to continue to comply with the following conditions of release for the duration of the Project:

- Howse Minerals Limited will be required to consult with Indigenous governments and organizations according to the Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines developed by Government for the project. All permits for the project must be processed according to these guidelines.
- The Wildlife Division must be contacted to discuss appropriate action prior to initiating any deterrents to move caribou away from the project area.

You must abide by all commitments made in the plans and in all environmental assessment submissions. You must also comply with all terms and conditions of the March 21, 2017, decision letter. Any significant change to the plans or to the Project must be submitted to this department prior to construction, to be reviewed for regulatory requirements including environmental assessment.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, 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 handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Scott Reid".

**HON. DR. SCOTT REID, MHA**  
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Minister