

Attachment A
Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA #: 2342 Garia River Crossing (the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act (the Act)**.
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) Release is:

Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
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- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA Release letter relates to Cape Ray Mining Limited / AuMEGA Metals Ltd., hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for Garia River Crossing, EA REG # 2342, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA Release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA Release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA Release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to this Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA Release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA Release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA Release, the conditions of this EA Release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA Release, the **Act** or the EA Regulations.
- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA Release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA Release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.

- 4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of Release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca. The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of Release have been met.

5 Habitat, Flora and Fauna

- 5.1 Access trail construction and exploration-related activities must not occur from April 15 to July 15 (to avoid the sensitive calving and early post-calving period for caribou), for the duration of the exploration permit.
- 5.2 Proponent shall submit a decommissioning plan to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, at wildlifereferrals@gov.nl.ca, for review and approval prior to end of year that the mineral exploration permit expires. All disturbed areas, including work and travel areas (drill pads, access trails etc.), shall be decommissioned and rehabilitated after completion of the exploration program if it does not lead to further exploration. Cleared vegetation shall be replanted and stream channel and banks, wheel ruts or other damage that may cause stream sedimentation shall be repaired and restored. Site conditions prior to Project construction, during construction and operations, and after restoration shall be documented.
- 5.3 A minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer shall be maintained from the high-water mark of all wetlands and waterbodies, with the exception of the Garia River crossing area, that are identified on 1:50,000 National Topographic Systems maps, or the topographic mapping layer shown on the Provincial Land Use Atlas, to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.
- 5.4 Vegetation clearing is not to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) or within 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer applies to all other raptor nests (e.g., Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest sites shall be reported to the Wildlife Division. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025.
- 5.5 Proponent shall not restrict current access to the existing forestry roads.



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