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## RE: NWB2MZE – Placer Dome (CLA) Ltd. – Maze Lake Project, Revised A&R and Spill Contingency Plans

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, and the Species at Risk Act.

As required under their current water license, Placer Dome (CLA) Ltd. has submitted a revised abandonment and restoration plan and a revised spill contingency plan for the Maze Lake Project. Based on the information provided, EC has no major concerns with either of these plans at this time. It should be noted however, that *all* spills are to be documented and reported to the NWT Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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