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Ms. Elizabeth Copland Chairperson Nunavut Impact Review Board PO Box 1360 CAMBRIDGE BAY NU X0B 0C0



Dear Ms. Copland:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 2014, regarding the Nunavut Impact Review Board's determination on TMAC Resource Limited's request to reconsider the terms and conditions in Project Certificate No. 003 for the Doris North Project.

As you are aware, in its request of November 29, 2013, TMAC notified the Nunavut Impact Review Board of its intention to modify the Doris North Project by:

- extending the life of the project;
- increasing the mining and milling rate;
- disposing of treated tailings water into Roberts Bay through an overland pipeline;
- increasing sewage treatment and water management;
- building additional mining infrastructure at both the mine site and the Robert's Bay laydown area;
- expanding camp capacity; and,
- including the use of over-wintering fuel barges.

I am pleased to note in your correspondence, that the current amendment application has been reviewed in light of comments from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, the Government of Nunavut and Government of Canada Departments. I support the Board's decision, pursuant to Article 12.8.2(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, that the project amendments undergo a comprehensive review as well as the proposed reconsideration process.

Furthermore, I noted in your correspondence that the Board is seeking my direction on priorities and timelines on the reconsideration of Project Certificate No. 003. I recognize that this is a busy time for the Board given the number of projects currently undergoing a Part 5 review. I trust that the Board will make best efforts to ensure that the reconsideration of Project Certificate No. 003 is expeditious and thorough, while at the same time allowing opportunity for all interested participants to engage in the process.

I would like to thank the Nunavut impact Review Board for the opportunity to comment on this matter and look forward to receiving the Board's report upon the conclusion of the reconsideration process.

Sincerely,

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP