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Dear Ms. Copland:

I am writing to thank you for concluding your review of the Meadowbank Gold Project and forwarding to me your Final Hearing Report. As required by section 12.5.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I will now initiate a review of the report and the proposed terms and conditions with my colleagues at Fisheries and Oceans, Natural Resources Canada and Transport Canada who also have jurisdictional responsibility for authorizing this project to proceed.

I would also like to thank the Board for all its hard work during the review of this project proposal and I will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible with my decision.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Gary Lunn, PC, MP
The Honourable Loyola Hearn, PC, MP
The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, PC, MP

