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Stéphane Robert
Environment Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Robert:

Subject: Meadowbank Gold Project – Blast Monitoring Program

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed your Blast Monitoring Program version 1 for the Meadowbank Gold Project, submitted on May 10, 2010. The Blast Monitoring Program was developed as a condition of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate issued on December 30, 2006 by the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

The Blast Monitoring Program is approved if the following conditions are incorporated into the program:

- Placement of the Blast Monitoring stations should be as close to the water's edge as possible;
- Ensure the instantaneous pressure changes do not exceed 50 kPa at the monitoring stations.
- It is recommended that, in the early blasting stage, the data collected at the monitoring stations be submitted to DFO regularly to verify that the locations of the monitoring stations are appropriate. Regular submissions should continue until consistent measurements are below 50 kPa.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Eric Kan at (867) 979-8010 or e-mail (eric.kan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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