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Attention: Phyllis Beaulieu

Re: 8BC-MEA0709 - Submission of Abandonment and Restoration Plan – Baker Lake Laydown and Fuel Storage Facilities – Meadowbank Gold Project – Nunavut.

EPO's contribution to your request for specialist advice is based on the mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of **Section 36(3)** of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) and the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

On behalf of Environment Canada, I have reviewed the above noted submission.

Environment Canada has no issues with respect to the submission, provided the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the submission, is in compliance, with the terms and conditions under the Project Certificate, and that all comments and recommendations submitted by Environment Canada for the project would still be applicable.

On page 19 of your "GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (CANADA)" contacts, you have the Environment Canada, Environmental Protection, Yellowknife number as (867) 920 – 6060. The number should be, changed to the following:
Environment Canada's, 24 Hour Duty Officer at (867) 766 – 3737.

EPO should be notified of changes in the proposed or permitted activities associated with this submission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4744 or ron.bujold@ec.gc.ca with any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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