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To: Robbin Hermati, BC Properties Closure Manager
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Cc: Diane Howe, Deputy Chief Inspector, Reclamation and Permitting, MEM
George Warnock, Manager, Geotechnical Engineering, MEM
Heather Narynski, Sr. Geotechnical Inspector, MEM

Re: **Review of Submission in Response to Chief Inspector's Orders Issued on August 18, 2014**

The Ministry of Energy and Mines has engaged a consulting firm to evaluate the consistency and compliance of your submission in response to the Chief Inspector's orders issued on August 18, 2014. This high-level review has determined that your submission satisfies the requirements of the Order.

It is noted that the Tailings Storage Facility associated with Tom MacKay Lake does not have any associated dams. Consequently many of the Chief Inspector's Orders are not applicable to your site. Thank you for your inspection report dated December 1, 2014.

This review is specific to the orders issued on August 18, 2014, which does not encompass all aspects of safety in relation to the tailings facility. Please ensure that you are meeting your ongoing requirements with respect to the following:

- Satisfying any outstanding orders from previous Ministry inspection reports.
- A current Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual which shall be revised as needed during closure as per Section 10.5.2 of the Code.

Thank you for your submission to the orders of August 18, 2014.

Sincerely,

*Al Hoffman, P. Eng.
Chief Inspector of Mines
Ministry of Energy and Mines*