



Date: January 27, 2015

To: Suzie Belanger, Director Environmental Compliance  
Lumby/Quinto - Cliffs Natural Resources  
**[Sent by Email: Suzie.Belanger@cliffsnr.com]**

Cc: Diane Howe, Deputy Chief Inspector, Reclamation and Permitting, MEM  
George Warnock, Manager, Geotechnical Engineering, MEM  
Heather Narynski, Sr. Geotechnical Inspector, MEM

Re: **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 letter attached in your email dated November 24, 2014 confirms that tailings dams are no longer present at the site. It is understood that there were two dry tailings ponds on the site and that these were backfilled with the previous dam materials and reclaimed in 2011 according to the Closure Plan prepared for the site (Lumby Quinto Mine Site: Reclamation and Closure Plan. Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. 2010). The reclamation activities are described in the report: Lumby Quinto Mine Site: Annual Reclamation Report (Rescan 2012). It is further understood that the land surface is now contiguous with the surrounding land and there are no structures on the site which can impound water. Consequently the Chief Inspector's Orders are not applicable to your site.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Hoffman", written over a horizontal line.

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