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Dear Jamie Powell:

RE: Valentine Gold Project EIS Review

I am pleased to inform you that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted on November 3, 2020, and the first and second EIS amendments have been reviewed by the public and the appointed Environmental Assessment Committee. The EIS and amendments have been found to comply with Part X of the **Environmental Protection Act** and with the provincial EIS Guidelines issued on February 10, 2020, and require no further work.

As required under Section 67(1) of the **Environmental Protection Act**, I will be making a recommendation on the proposed undertaking to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for consideration, as to whether the undertaking can be released subject to terms and conditions or not be permitted to proceed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca or Eric Watton, Environmental Scientist and Chair of the Environmental Assessment Committee at (709) 729-0834 or ericwatton@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA

District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville

Minister

Enclosures

Cc: The Honourable Andrew Parsons, MHA, District of Burgeo – La Poile Brent Keeping, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada