



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Environment, Climate Change and
Municipalities
Water Resources Management Division

AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 49

Date: **APRIL 06, 2021**

File No: **550-01-02-05-075**
Permit No: **PRO11547-2020**
Amendment No: **1**

Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.**
PO Box 310
Gander, NL A1V 1W8

Attention: [REDACTED]

Re: **Gander WSMC-Gander Lake PPWSA-Mineral Exploration-New Found Gold Corp**

The original Permit dated DECEMBER 21, 2020 is amended as follows:

Amendment and addition of terms or conditions as per Appendix A.

All other terms and conditions of the original Permit will apply and failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this amendment and the original Permit will render this Permit null and void, place the Permit Holder and their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and make the Permit Holder responsible for taking any remedial measures as may be prescribed by this Department.

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(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Amendment

Amended Conditions

33. All silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, drilling additives, and drilling mud must be collected, properly disposed of and not permitted to flow freely over the ground into any receiving waterbody, including wetlands. A layered risk mitigation approach is required.

Added Conditions

54. The primary layer of risk mitigation, where physical conditions allow, shall consist of the construction of a temporary sump pit. The temporary sump pit shall be constructed on the down-slope side of the drill pad to collect discharge waters and to allow solids to settle out. In areas where it is physically impossible to dig a sump pit, a settling tank will be required. Performance of the sump pit or settling tank during operations and after heavy rainfall events should be monitored on an hourly basis and any issues reported to the Water Resources Management Division of this Department.
55. The secondary layer of risk mitigation shall consist of, but may not be limited to, some combination of additional temporary sump pits, sediment traps, interceptor ditches of sump pit runoff prior to discharge into any waterbody, settling tanks or constructed settling ponds. The design of secondary risk mitigation layers shall be approved by the Environmental Scientist prior to any development activity.
56. Material collected in a settling tank as part of a primary risk mitigation layer can be buried outside of the PPWSA or outside of any buffer zone within the PPWSA, if conditions are suitable.
57. Should an accumulated mass of material from the drilling activity be collected by either the primary or secondary risk mitigation layer, the accumulation shall be excavated and deposited in the sump pit prior to rehabilitation.
58. Prior to completion of the project, sump pits/trenches/test pits/any engineered excavation for the retention of sediment shall be rehabilitated appropriately. Rehabilitation may include backfilling of stockpiled materials such as subsoils and till, re-covering the backfilled site with stockpiled organic cover and any additional organic materials, seeding, or other measures.

59. The Permit Holder is required to provide this Department with all documents, information and data which may be requested or required in order to carry out an inspection or investigation.
60. There shall be no re-injection of silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, drilling additives, or drilling mud back into the drill hole.
61. In the case of an event that may impact drinking water quality, the Proponent's Contingency Plan shall be followed.
62. All storm runoff shall be diverted away from any engineered excavation for the retention of sediment (e.g. sump, sediment basin, or settling pond).

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