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Mr. Patrick Lauzière  
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Dear Mr. Lauzière:

**RE: Diversion and Dewatering of Luce Lake North, Labrador West**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment with the following condition:

- IOC shall prepare and submit an environmental protection plan (EPP) for all applicable construction, operation and maintenance activities to the Minister of Environment and Conservation for approval before the start of any site specific construction. The EPP shall describe the environmental protection and mitigation measures that will be applied throughout the life of the project to avoid or minimize potential negative effects on the environment associated with the project.

Please note that the EPP shall include a description of the Fisheries Offsetting Plan to be developed with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and shall also reference any applicable policies of the Municipal Plan of the Town of Labrador City.

IOC shall obtain and abide by the requirements of all licenses, permits, approvals, certificates, leases or other documents of authorization required by Provincial Law and shall conduct Aboriginal consultation in respect of such authorizations in accordance with the Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines for the Diversion and Dewatering of Luce Lake North Project.

The Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines for the Diversion and Dewatering of Luce Lake North Project are attached for your information, and will be shared with the five Aboriginal organizations to be consulted on the potential adverse impacts of the project on their members' asserted Aboriginal rights. If you have any questions on Aboriginal consultation requirements, please contact Mr. Brian Harvey,

Director of Aboriginal Affairs with the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office at (709) 729-1497 or via email at [brianharvey@gov.nl.ca](mailto:brianharvey@gov.nl.ca).

In addition, please be advised that the rehabilitation of the post-dewatered Luce Lake North basin must be addressed in the next amendment of IOC's Rehabilitation and Closure Plan as per Section 9(1) of the *Mining Act*.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or via email at [clearyb@gov.nl.ca](mailto:clearyb@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**PERRY TRIMPER, MHA**  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister

Cc: Minister, Hon. Siobhan Coady, Department of Natural Resources  
Mr. Brian Harvey, Director, Aboriginal Affairs

Attachment