

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation Office of the Minister

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Mr. Randy Miller VP Exploration Search Mineral Inc. 259 Arlington Avenue Ottawa ON K1R 5T1

Dear Mr. Miller:

## **RE: Deepwater Fox Property Mineral Exploration Drilling**

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. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements.

You are advised that your project is partially within the Tub Harbour Public Water Supply Area (PWSA) for the Town of St. Lewis and that the process for protecting it under the *Water Resources Act, 2002* is underway. Once the PWSA has received this protection, you will be required to apply for and obtain a permit from the Water Resources Management Division before starting any new development within it. Prior to that, you must also consult with and seek approval from the town as noted in the comments from Municipal Affairs. You are advised to contact Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4048 and Municipal Affairs at (709) 896-2488 for guidance on permitting within the Tub Harbour PWSA.

You are encouraged to refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at <u>www.canadabusiness.gc.ca</u>. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and

approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely, MM.

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