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Ms. Sherry Dunsworth  
VP Exploration  
Marathon Gold Corporation  
PO Box 160  
Pasadena NL A0L 1K0

Dear Ms. Dunsworth:

**RE: Valentine Lake Mineral Exploration and Access Roads**

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 subject to the following conditions:

- Activities requiring vegetation clearing or excessive noise be undertaken outside of the nesting, breeding and brood rearing period for Newfoundland marten (i.e. early April to mid-July).
- A minimum 50 m naturally vegetated buffer be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, waterfowl and their habitat.
- A Decommissioning Strategy, approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation, for the proposed access roads is required prior to the start of construction.

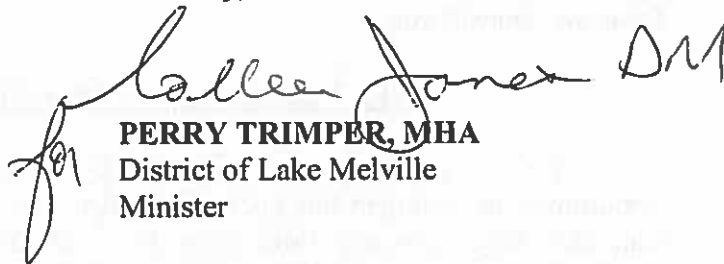
Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and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

Given the noted occurrence of Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher in the project area, you are reminded of the requirements of the *Endangered Species Act* and the *Species at Risk Act*.

You are encouraged to refer to the BizPaL website at [www.bizpal.ca](http://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 [www.canadabusiness.gc.ca](http://www.canadabusiness.gc.ca). 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry Trimper DM". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "DM" at the end. A small, illegible mark is visible to the left of the signature.

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