

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Department of Environment and Climate Change

Office of the Minister

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Registration 1851

Mr. John Sferrazza, Director-Environmental Services Nordmin Resource and Industrial Engineering Ltd. 160 Logan Avenue Thunder Bay ON P7A 6R1

Dear Mr. Sferrazza:

RE: Cape Ray Gold Partnership Project

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and government agencies, as required by Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required.

The EIS will be required to address the issues and concerns brought forward by the reviewing agencies during the review of this undertaking.

An environmental assessment committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing technical and scientific advice to you regarding the preparation of an EIS. As per the legislative requirements, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EIS. Please be reminded that, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process. Project information requirements will have to address, but are not limited to:

- Air quality;
- Plans for the tailings management facility and polishing ponds;
- Surface and groundwater regimes;
- Baseline studies for a number of valued ecosystem components, e.g., fish and fish habitat, avifauna, species at risk etc.
- Greenhouse gas emissions and climate change;
- Potential for acid generation from ore, waste rock and tailings;
- An Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- A gender, equity and diversity plan;
- A Benefits Plan;

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.

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Sincerely,

PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville

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Attachment

Cc: Mike Atkinson, Regional Director, Atlantic, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency