

Registration 1860

Mr. Jordan Cramm  
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Dear Mr. Cramm:

**Re: Stog'er Tight Goldmine - West Pit Expansion**

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 review subject to the following conditions:

- An environmental protection plan (EPP) shall be prepared and submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment for all applicable construction, operation and maintenance activities. The EPP must be approved 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.
- The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources requires amendments to the current development plan, the rehabilitation and closure plan and associated financial assurance for the proposed expansion to the existing project. These plans must be submitted and approved prior to the start of construction.
- A women's employment plan must be submitted and approved by the Deputy Minister Responsible for the Women's Policy Office prior to the start of any work on the project.
- You must apply for and obtain a water use licence under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002 for the use, removal and/or displacement of water from any body of water (including wetland) for any purpose prior to the start of this project.
- You must apply for and obtain a permit under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002, specifically Section 48 for any work including, but is not limited to, culverts, temporary dyke (classified as a dam), settling ponds (may be classified as a dam) or other works in any body of water (including wetland) along with the need for a site drainage and monitoring plan prior to the start of construction.

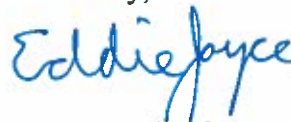
- You must apply for and obtain a permit for constructing a non-domestic well under the *Water Resources Act, 2002*, specifically Section 58 for drilled well(s) for any dewatering along with the need for monitoring prior to the start of construction.
- You will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, for the installation of a real time water quality/quantity network. This network will provide near real-time monitoring data on the flows and water quality resulting from the proposed mining activities. This network will ensure emerging issues (from the construction, operational and closure phases) are caught and mitigative measures implemented in a timely manner. The type, number and locations of the stations required will depend on site conditions and final operation plans and will be determined collaboratively between the proponent and WRMD. You are required to bear all costs associated with the monitoring network and must install the required network prior to the start of construction. Future environmental assessment submissions must reference this monitoring network.

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.

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. Martin Goebel, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment at (709) 729-2559.

Sincerely,



**EDDIE JOYCE, MHA**  
District of Humber-Bay of Islands  
Minister

Attachment