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Mr. Peter Mercer Vice President, Corporate Secretary Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Ltd. P.O. Box 610 Baie Verte, NL A0K 1B0

Dear Mr. Mercer:

RE: Baie Verte Tailings Management Facility Expansion, Ming Copper-Gold Mine - Registration 1939

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the potential effects of the undertaking on the surrounding environment. Additional information requirements shall include, but are not limited to:

- impacts on the watershed downstream from Camp Pond;
- identification of the dam consequence classification as per the Canadian Dam Association, Dam Safety Guidelines and associated Bulletins;
- instrumentation incorporated into the design of the proposed tailings dam and reservoir for monitoring during the operational and closure phases;
- rehabilitation, closure and maintenance of the dam in perpetuity; and
- submission of a tailings storage facility alternatives study which addresses an approximate 20 year life of mine.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of the date of this letter, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. 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.



If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

EDDIE JOYCÉ, MHA

District of Humber-Bay of Islands

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

cc: Brian Warr, MHA

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