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Reg. #1942

Mr. Patrick Lauziere  
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Dear Mr. Lauziere:

**RE: Magy Pit Extension**

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:

- Prior to Mining Act approval, the Department of Natural Resources will require the results of the acid rock drainage (ARD) study for the Magy Pit Extension area including sample locations on a site map, rock type for each sample and the acid-base accounting results and interpretation by a qualified ARD professional. The Department of Natural Resources will also require the details of the acid-base analysis protocol that will be used to ensure that potentially acid generating waste is managed appropriately.
- IOC must extend the commitments in the Wabush 3 Gender Equity and Diversity Plan (GEDP) for the construction and operations phases to include the Magy Pit extension. This must include the reporting requirements for the GEDP commitments. The extension of the GEDP commitments (including reporting requirements) must be outlined in a letter to, and approved by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women and the Minister of Natural Resources prior to the start of construction.

Please be advised that the Energy Branch, Economics and Benefits Division of the Department of Natural Resources stated that the intent of the draft Wabush 3 Benefits Agreement is that it will apply to other IOC operations/extensions in Labrador West and this is expressly stated therein. As such, upon finalization, the Benefits Agreement will include operations at the Magy Pit Extension.

Please be advised that you must contact Water Resources Management Division to discuss the drainage of the White Lake/Luce Brook watershed which will be affected by the drainage of Second Pond and the reactivation of the hydrometric station 03OA013 White River at the

outlet of White Lake. Contact: Manager, Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section, (709) 729-2295.

The Water Resources Management Division also requires you to apply for and obtain a permit to construct a Non-Domestic Well under the Water Resources Act, 2002, specifically Section 58 for drilled well(s), including de-watering wells, prior to their construction. Contact: Manager, Groundwater Section (709) 729-2539.

Additionally, you must apply for and obtain a water use licence under the Water Resources Act, 2002 for the use of water from any water source for any water use purpose. You must also apply for and obtain a permit under the Water Resources Act, 2002, specifically Section 48 for any work near or in any body of water (including wetland). Contact: Manager, Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section, (709) 729-2295.

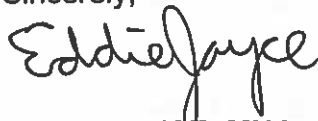
The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advised that a commercial cutting permit is required prior to any harvesting or timber removal activity. For further information, please contact the District Office at (709) 282-6881.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 25<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> in this region. However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MCBA and associated regulations.

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 Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or [susansquires@gov.nl.ca](mailto:susansquires@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**EDDIE JOYCE, MHA**  
District of Humber-Bay of Islands  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

Cc. Christopher Mitchelmore, MHA  
District of St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows