

SEP 12 2018

Reg. #1968

Mr. John Sferrazza, Manager
First Mining Gold Corporation
1800 – 925 West Georgia Street
Vancouver BC V6C 3L2

Dear Mr. Sferrazza:

RE: Hope Brook Access Road – Registration 1968

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, I have concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to determine if the proposal may have significant environmental and social-economic impacts.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide technical and scientific advice to you regarding the preparation of an EIS. As per the legislation, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EIS. Project information requirements will have to address, but are not limited to:

- Project scope including rationale for the project and type of road,
- Effects on wildlife and related habitat (including wetlands), and
- Effects on Outfitters.

Please note that in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process. The project is also subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the Environmental Assessment.

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.

Sincerely,



ANDREW PARSONS, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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