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Reg. #2023

Mr. Patrick Lauzière
Iron Ore Company of Canada
Manager, Environment & Sustainable Development
1 Retty Street
Sept-Îles QC G4R 3C7

Dear Mr. Lauzière:

RE: IOC Labrador City Mining Site Explosives Facility

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 assessment.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires that you obtain several permits for work in or near a body of water, water use, and a non-domestic well. They also require a water resources management plan. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295 for work in or near a body of water, water use and a water resources management plan, and (709) 729-2539 for non-domestic well information.

The Pollution Prevention Division of this department advises that the Best Management Practices for the Storage of Waste Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Waste (WDG/HW) at Business Sites, GD-PPD-077, found at [https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_protection/waste/guidancedocs/GD-PPD-077%20Best%20Management%20Practices%20for%20the%20storage%20of%20waste%20dangerous%20goodshazardous%20waste%20\(WDGHW\)%20at%20business%20sites.pdf](https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_protection/waste/guidancedocs/GD-PPD-077%20Best%20Management%20Practices%20for%20the%20storage%20of%20waste%20dangerous%20goodshazardous%20waste%20(WDGHW)%20at%20business%20sites.pdf) should be applied to the handling of any on-site hazardous waste. They also refer you to the Protocol for the Management of Excavated Soils, Concrete Rubble and Dredged Materials, GD-PPD-045.2 found at https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_protection/waste/guidancedocs/ExcSoilsConcreteRubbleDredgedMaterials.pdf. Additionally, they advise that plans to dispose of demolition debris may need to be arranged with the local landfill. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you contact them regarding project details and approvals. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 637-2229.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires a minimum 30 m naturally vegetated buffer to be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. They advise that permits are required for forest clearing and that no vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200m buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division. Additionally, they also advise you to develop and implement appropriate preventative and mitigation measures to avoid incidental take of wildlife species. For further information, please contact Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 637-2065.

Environment and Climate Change Canada advises that you should provide a list of hazardous materials that would be stored and used at the site. The list should indicate the quantities of hazardous materials. They also provided advice on construction during the migratory bird breeding season and the related *Migratory Bird Convention Act*. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that you should contact Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro regarding the proposed power line realignment. They also advise that the Wabush 3 Benefits Agreement will apply to the construction and operation of the project. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at (709) 729-0152.

Transport Canada advises that the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act* and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* apply to anyone who handles, offers for transport, transports, or imports dangerous goods in Canada. The explosives detailed within the Registration Document are regulated under Schedule 1 of the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* and therefore must be transported in accordance with these Regulations. For further information, please visit the Transportation of Dangerous Goods website <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm> or contact the Atlantic Regional Office at 1-866-814-1477 or TDG-TMDAtlantic@tc.gc.ca. They also advise you of the Canadian Transport Emergency Centre (CANUTEC) which is operated by Transport Canada to assist emergency response personnel in handling dangerous goods emergencies. This national bilingual advisory centre is specialized in interpreting technical information, providing advice, and emergency response. CANUTEC offers 24-hour emergency telephone service at 1-613-996-6666 or *666 on a cellular phone.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Dempster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Lisa Dempster, MHA
Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Minister

Attachment

Cc. Jordan Brown, MHA
District of Labrador West