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Mr. Garrett Macdonald, President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. Macdonald:

**Re: Review of the Environmental Preview Report for the Hammerdown Gold Mine**

Your Environmental Preview Report (EPR) submitted on March 11, 2021 has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) and the public as required under 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 this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

**Federal and provincial government departments and agencies on the EAC that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:**

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises the following studies shall be submitted for review including the report with four seasons of data to be submitted in fall 2021 to fully characterize the groundwater quality at the Project site and the additional hydrogeological studies as they are completed. Also, a non-domestic well permit is required for any potable water supply wells and for the dewatering wells. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Climate Change Branch of my Department reminds you that approval is required for the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) proposed for your undertaking. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-3016.

The Crown Lands Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that application for Crown land is required for any new roads or any improvements to existing roads and parking areas. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 729-1140.

Health Canada has provided guidance on receptor locations and noise mitigation, and the guidance documents are included in the attachments to this letter. For further information, please contact Health Canada at 903-943-1962.

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. 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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernard Davis", with a horizontal line underneath.

**BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville  
Minister

Enclosures

cc: Brian Warr, MHA  
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