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Dear Jamie Powell:

## RE: Environment Protection Plan for the Construction of the Valentine Gold Project

On March 17, 2022, the Valentine Gold Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions. One such condition required Marathon Gold Corporation to submit an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for all applicable mining construction activities, for my approval, prior to the start of mining construction.

On July 7, 2022, Marathon Gold Corporation submitted an EPP for Construction, which has subsequently been reviewed by the environmental assessment committee and found to be acceptable. The EPP for Construction is therefore approved.

Please be advised that Marathon Gold Corporation must abide by all commitments made in the EPP for Construction. Any significant changes must be submitted to me for review and approval. Although final, the EPP for Construction is considered a living document that will be updated by Marathon Gold Corporation as required.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or via email <a href="mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca">joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca</a>, or Eric Watton, Chair of the Project Environmental Assessment Committee, at (709) 729-0834 or email <a href="mailto:ericwatton@gov.nl.ca">ericwatton@gov.nl.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA

District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville Minister

**Enclosures** 

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