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Scott Finlay
Environmental Superintendent
Valentine Gold Mine, Equinox Gold Corp.
Via Email: scott.finlay@equinoxgold.com

Dear Scott Finlay:

RE: Valentine Gold Mine (the Project) Environmental Protection Plan for Operations

On March 17, 2022, the Valentine Gold Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions, one of which required the submission of an Environmental Protection Plan for operations (the Plan) prior to the commencement of mining operations.

The Plan, submitted on August 29, 2025, was reviewed by the environmental assessment committee. The condition of release for the Project has now been met.

You must abide by all commitments made in the Plan and in all environmental assessment submissions. You must also comply with all terms and conditions of the March 17, 2022, decision letter. Any significant change to the Plan or to the Project must be submitted to this department prior to construction, to be reviewed for regulatory requirements including environmental assessment.

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

Sincerely,

HON. ANDREA BARBOUR, MHA
St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows
Minister

Cc: The Honourable Chris Tibbs, MHA – Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Michael King, MHA – District of Burgeo - LaPoile