

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate/Environmental Impact Statement (Application/EIS) for the Ajax Project (the Project) represents the culmination of more than four years of detailed engineering and environmental studies that began in 2011 and are still ongoing.

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Consultant	Contribution
ERM Consultants Canada Ltd.	Project Description; Reclamation and Closure Accidents and Malfunctions Environmental Management System
Norwest Corporation	Tailings Storage Facility Design Report (Appendix 3-D) Jacko Lake Dams and Petersen Creek Diversion Design (Appendix 3-F) Tailings Disposal Best Available Technology Assessment (Appendix 17.4-B) Jacko Lake and Downstream Pond Alternatives Assessment (Appendix 17.4-E)
Knight Piésold Ltd.	Tailings Management, High-Level Tailings Alternatives Assessment (Appendix 17.4-A) Geotechnical Report - Mine Site Infrastructure (Appendix 3-I)
Klohn Crippen Berger	Afton Tailings Impoundment - Seismic Hazard and Seismic Stability Assessment (Appendix 6.2-E) Jacko Lake Hydrogeology Assessment (within Appendix 6.6-A)
Lorax Environmental	Ajax Pit Lake Model Report (Appendix 3-G) Chromium Speciation in Mine Produced Dust (Appendix 6.3-E)
VAST Resource Solutions	Baseline Soil Characterization Study (Appendix 3-E) Baseline Vegetation Characterization Study (Appendix 3-F)
Amec Foster Wheeler	Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Part C - Aboriginal Groups Information Requirements Aboriginal and public consultation database management and issue tracking tables
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	Review of Open Pit Design Parameters for Updated Hydrogeological Conditions (Appendix 6.2-C) Ajax Project Open Pit Geotechnical Slope Design Parameters (Appendix 3-C)
Opus DaytonKnight Consultants Ltd.	Ajax Mine Traffic Impact Assessment (Appendix 8.1-A) Inks Lake Interchange, Concepts and Evaluation (Appendix 17.4-F)
Hatch Ltd.	Energy Trade-Off Study (Appendix 17.4-G)
BGC Engineering Inc.	Edith Lake Fault Zone Investigation and Characterization (Appendix 6.2-B)
Stantec	Derivation of Protective Water Quality Benchmarks (Appendix 6.3-D)
Aspen Park Consulting	Wildlife Habitat Objectives for Reclamation Plan (Appendix 11.26-A)
Dave Whiting and Associates	Baseline Report on Visual Impact and Aesthetic Features Including Shading (Appendix 8.3-A)
Nautilus Environmental	Testing in Support of Development of a Science Based Environmental Benchmark for Sulphate for the Ajax Mine (Appendix 6.3-C)
Statistics Canada	Economic Modelling
Blasting Analysis International, Inc.	Ajax Mine Blast Review - Conclusion and Recommendations (Appendix 10.5-A)

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- Ashcroft Indian Band
- Lower Nicola Indian Band
- Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band
- Métis Nation British Columbia

#### British Columbia Government

- British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office
- British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- BC Ministry of Energy and Mines
- British Columbia Ministry of Environment
- British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training
- Interior Health Authority

#### Canadian Federal Government

- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Canadian Wildlife Service
- Environment Canada
- Health Canada
- Transport Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada

#### Local Government

- City of Kamloops
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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