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Dear Ms. St-Onge,

RE: Deceased White-tailed Deer Fawn

On July 12th, 2019 at 0705 a deceased White-tailed Deer Fawn was discovered entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence. (See photo 1 below)



The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is over 14 kilometers long and not visible along its entirety. The services of a trapper are retained by New Gold. As part of his normal duties he patrols the fence to keep incidents like this from happening and ensure the fence is in good repair. His assessment of the tracks in the area led to the conclusion that a black bear had chased the fawn into and through the fence, which caused it to become entangled and die of exhaustion.

The following is a copy of the internal incident report form.

Wildlife Incident Report Form					
Date (yyyy-mm-dd):	2019-07-12	Time (24hr):	0705	Weather:	Sunny 17
Observer(s):	Ken Angus		Contractor: Trapper		
Name of Supervisor or Manager:	Nathan Baird				
Incident Reported To:	Nathan Baird New Gold Environmental Specialist				
1. Incident Type					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Collision <input type="checkbox"/> Near Miss <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Entanglement					
2. Incident Outcome					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortality <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
3. Incident Summary					
3.1. Location	Wildlife Exclusion Fence		UTMs	E:	N:
3.2. Species	Deer		Number of Animals:	1	
3.3. Description of Incident and Outcome	A Deer fawn was discovered entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence and likely died of exhaustion. The tracks in the mud around the area lead the trapper to come the conclusion that a bear chased the fawn from the outside into the fence where it became entangled.				
3.4. Could the Incident Have Been Avoided? (If yes, describe how)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Since no one was around when this happened it hard to say how it could be avoided				
4. Additional Comments					
The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is basically an 8 foot high page wire fence and is patrolled at least twice a month.					

The Wildlife Exclusion Fence was erected to satisfy federal EA condition 8.5.1, which states; "maintain a fence around the tailings management area to prevent access by wildlife"

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It was built out of standard gap page wire and stands 8 feet in height with 2 feet of reptile barrier along to bottom. It is not uncommon for White-tailed deer to become entangled in this type of fencing when used to control livestock.

Should further incidents occur patrols may be increased and other options may also be explored.

Once you have had the opportunity to review this information please feel free to contact the undersigned or Sylvie St.Jean Environmental Manager (at Sylvie.St.Jean@newgold.com or 807-707-3497) with any additional questions.

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