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Sent by E-mail

Mr. Kyle Stanfield Prodigy Gold Incorporated Box 209, 3 Dree Road Dubreuilville, ON POS 1B0 Kyle.Stanfield@argonautgold.com

Dear Mr. Stanfield,

SUBJECT: Commencement of technical review of the response to Information Requirement #1 of the Magino Gold Project Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you for submitting the response to Information Requirement #1 (IR-1) of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Magino Gold Project (the Project) to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) on March 21, 2018. The Agency reviewed the response to IR-1 to determine whether the responses provided by Prodigy Gold Incorporated (the proponent) were complete, contained sufficient details and were consistent with the direction provided in IR-1.

The Agency has concluded that the response to IR-1 sufficiently meets the requirements of IR-1, and hereby advises you that the Agency is commencing the technical review of the response to IR-1. April 04, 2018 marks the first day lapsed on the federal legal timeline, which will be day 155 of 365.

Meeting the requirements of completeness check does not imply that the information provided is adequate to support the environmental assessment. The Agency may issue further information requirements to you based on the results of the technical review of the response to IR-1 conducted by federal reviewers, and on input received from Indigenous groups.

Please note that the response to IR-1 will be posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry Internet Site and shared with Indigenous groups for consultation purposes.

In accordance with subsections 27(6) and 23(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA 2012), the period that is taken by a proponent to comply with the information requirements is not included in the calculation of the time limit within which the Minister's decision must be made.

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For more information on the approach to managing federal environmental assessment timelines, please consult the Agency's "Operational Policy Statement: Information Requests and Timelines, February 2016" at <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/media-room/media-room-2016/information-requests-timelines.html</u>.

Should you have any questions regarding the technical review of the revised EIS, please contact me at 437-999-9046 or via e-mail at Magino@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely, <Original signed by>

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