



Ms. Yvonne Jones
Elected Member of Parliament
118 Humphrey Road
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Newfoundland and Labrador

October 15th, 2014

RE: Information and Consultation - Environmental Assessment: Howse Property Project

Dear Ms. Jones,

As you may be aware, Howse Minerals Limited (HML) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd (TSMC), signatory to an unincorporated joint venture with TSMC and Labrador Iron Mines (LIM)) proposes to develop the Howse Property Project (the Project) in the Millennium Iron Range. The deposit is located 25 km northwest of Schefferville, Québec (see attached map). The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) has required an environmental assessment (EA) of the Project, and final guidelines were issued in July 2014¹.

TSMC is currently building and operating the Direct Shipping Ore Project, adjacent to the Project, and will be the operator of the Project to carry-out all technical, management and administrative operations. The construction and exploitation of the Howse Deposit will rely on existing infrastructure and facilities that were built (or that will soon be built) for the purposes of the DSO Project. Infrastructure already in place includes:

- workers' camp;
- crusher;
- railway;
- mining equipment;
- explosives storage area.

Undertaking the Project will bring about changes to the environment, including one open pit and its related overburden stockpile and waste rock dump and will require the construction of a new road between Timmins 4 pit and the planned Howse deposit, and the installation of crushing facilities.

¹ Information relative to the Howse Property Project's environmental evaluation process may be found on the CEAA website: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents-eng.cfm?evaluation=80067>

The Project will also secure continuity of mining projects undertaken by TSMC and LIM respectively, thus allowing the continuation of economic development in the greater Schefferville region, including employment, business opportunities, and other economic spin-offs such as revenue-sharing with Aboriginal groups.

Groupe Hémisphères has been given the mandate by HML to conduct the required environmental assessment (EA).

This letter is to inform you that the formal consultation process for the EA has recently begun and we would like to see whether you would have comments or concerns regarding the Howse Property Project. Of particular interest are comments regarding potential project effects (negative or positive), ideas for mitigation measures, or views on cumulative effects.

We respectfully request that you provide your comments and questions by **November 17th, 2014**, to:

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Best regards,
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