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**SUBJECT: Outcome of conformity review of responses to Round 2  
Information Requirements for the proposed Beaver Dam Mine  
Project**

Dear Mr. Hudson,

On October 31, 2021, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received Atlantic Mining NS Inc.'s (AMNS) responses to Information Requirements (IRs) issued by the Agency on May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019. The Agency developed the IRs based on a review of the Beaver Dam Mine Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and associated EIS Summary by the Agency, other federal authorities, the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia and the public. The Agency requires acceptable responses to IRs to complete its review of the EIS and to proceed with the preparation of its Environmental Assessment Report.

The Agency has concluded that the Round 2 IR responses conform and hereby advises you that it is commencing the technical review of the Round 2 IR responses and revised EIS as of November 16, 2021 with the exception of CEAA-2-31. Conformance of the IRs does not imply that the information provided is adequate to support the environmental assessment and the Agency may request further information after the technical review is completed.

Please note that the Round 2 IR responses, revised EIS and EIS summaries will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80111>) to invite comments from the public and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia during the public comment period, which will begin on November 16, 2021 and end on December 16, 2021.



As of November 16, 2021, the federal legal timeline has re-started. As previously agreed on October 18, 2021, if the outstanding information for CEAA-2-31 is not provided by December 16, 2021, the federal legal timeline will be stopped until this information is received. Should additional information be required following the technical review, the federal legal timeframe will be paused until a response is received.

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 IRs, when there is not sufficient information available for the purposes of conducting the environmental assessment is not included in the calculation of the time limit within which the Minister's decision must be made.

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 [https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/iaac-acei/documents/ops/ops-information\\_requests\\_and\\_timelines.pdf](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/iaac-acei/documents/ops/ops-information_requests_and_timelines.pdf).

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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