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SUBJECT: Request for an updated workplan for the required information and studies under CEAA 2012 for the Beaver Dam Mine Project

Dear Sara Wallace:

In follow-up to previous correspondence sent to you on August 17, 2022, the Agency is writing to remind you of the commitments made under the three-year legislated time limit extension request for the required information or studies for the environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012).

On December 20, 2022, the Impact Assessment Agency (the Agency) and the Province of Nova Scotia met with you to obtain an update on the Beaver Dam Mine Project (the Project) following the December 12, 2022, announcement of the plan to demerger the Atlantic operations from St. Barbara. From this meeting, we understand that Atlantic Mining NS, Inc. (AMNS) has elected to pause the permitting process under CEAA 2012 to provide additional time for further consultations with First Nation groups, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and other affected community groups¹.

As discussed in the meeting, based on the extension request granted by the Agency, AMNS has until August 25, 2025, to submit the required information and studies as described in the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines. In your written request to the Agency, dated June 28, 2022, you provided a workplan which outlined the steps to complete the required information and studies by this date. Within that workplan, the Agency was to receive the Round 3 Information Requirement responses by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022. The workplan assumed the Agency and federal reviewers would complete the conformity and technical review, and AMNS would submit Phase 2 of the DFO Response Plan by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022.

¹ [2022.12.12-asx-merger-of-st-barbara-and-genesis-to-form-hoover-house.pdf](#) (stbarbara.com.au)



The Agency requires a revised workplan that demonstrates how you will complete the required information and studies prior to the timeline extension expiring on August 28, 2025. The required information and studies to be provided include the Round 3 Information Requirement responses and any additional required information or studies that may be identified as a result of:

- the Agency's conformity review of the Round 3 Information Responses;
- the technical review of the Round 3 Information Requirement responses by the Agency and federal authorities;
- associated consultation and engagement by the Agency with Indigenous communities; and
- public comments received by the Agency.

As noted in previous correspondence, the Agency does not have the legal authority to grant a further extension under the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA). If the information or studies are not provided to the satisfaction of the Agency by August 28, 2025, the environmental assessment for the Project under CEAA 2012 will be terminated in accordance with subsection 181(3) of the IAA. Please note that the Agency can also terminate the environmental assessment for the Project if the proponent advises the Agency or the Minister in writing that the Proponent does not intend to carry out the designated project as per section 62 of CEAA 2012.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 902-399-8834 or by email at Kathryn.MacCarthy@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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