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Cari-Lyn Epp
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Dear Cari-Lyn:

RE: Notification letter pursuant to Subsection 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act* for the proposed Lynn Lake Gold Project

As you are aware, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is conducting an environmental assessment of the Lynn Lake Gold Project (the Project) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. The proposed Project is also subject to a provincial environmental assessment pursuant to the Manitoba *Environment Act*.

The Project proposed by Alamos Gold Inc. (the proponent) will include the construction and operation of new mine infrastructure at two historical mine sites. At the MacLellan site, the development will include an open pit, central ore milling and processing plant, ore and overburden stockpiles, a mine rock storage area, a tailings management facility, and associated infrastructure. The existing access road will be upgraded and resurfaced, and a new single-lane steel bridge crossing of the Keewatin River will be constructed alongside the existing single lane concrete bridge. Existing infrastructure at the MacLellan site will be demolished and removed to accommodate the new open pit. At the Gordon site, new infrastructure will include an open pit, ore and overburden stockpiles, a mine rock storage area, and supporting infrastructure for equipment storage and maintenance. The existing access road will also be upgraded.

According to the Project's Environmental Impact Statement, proposed Project activities have the potential to interact with a number of species at risk listed under the *Species at Risk Act* or species assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and



recommended for listing under the *Species at Risk Act*. Pursuant to subsection 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*, the Agency, as the responsible authority for the environmental assessment, hereby notifies the Minister of Environment and Climate Change that the Project may affect the following wildlife species:

Endangered, under Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*

- Little brown myotis (*Myotis lucifungus*)
- Northern myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

Threatened, under Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*

- Woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*)
- Common nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)
- Olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
- Bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*)
- Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Special Concern, under Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*

- Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*)
- Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*)
- Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*)
- Horned grebe (*Podiceps auratus*)
- Northern Leopard Frog (*Lithobates pipiens*)
- Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*)
- Yellow-banded bumble bee (*Bombus terricola*)
- Evening grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*)

The species listed above are based on the Project Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the proponent. This document used information from existing data sources, baseline surveys, and critical habitat presence. Please note that the Agency is not aware of a need for confidentiality regarding the location data for the species listed above.

Additional information on the impacts to species at risk, and mitigation measures proposed by the proponent is available through the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, reference number 80140. Specifically, this information can be found in the Environmental Impact Statement in Chapters 12, 20, and 23.

The Agency asks that Environment and Climate Change Canada assist in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed Project on any species at risk and / or their critical habitats that may interact with the Project. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Project Manager, Melissa Pinto at Melissa.Pinto@canada.ca or 587-338-7191.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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