

December 3, 2021

Attention: Chelsea Fedrau, Project Manager Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) Prairie and Northern Regional Office 9700 Jasper Avenue, Suite 1145 Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4C3

Dear Chelsea Fedrau,

**Reference:** Project Description Amendment: Removal of MacLellan Site Access Bridge from Project Description

Alamos Gold Inc. (Alamos) has been conducting drilling and exploration activities at the MacLellan site northeast of the Town of Lynn Lake, since 2015, under work permits issued by the Province of Manitoba. To facilitate these drilling and exploration activities, Alamos has made use of an existing access road and bridge crossing of the Keewatin River, constructed by previous owners of the former MacLellan Mine. In a survey of this bridge crossing conducted in 2017, it was noted that the bridge was generally in good to excellent condition but with some notable defects.

Alamos submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lynn Lake Gold Project on May 25, 2020. As part of the Project, in Section 2.3.2 of Chapter 2 of the EIS (Project Description), Alamos indicated the need for the "addition of a second single lane steel bridge crossing of the Keewatin River". In Section 2.9.3.2 of Chapter 2 of the EIS, this bridge was described further as "A new prefabricated, single-lane steel bridge ... constructed beside the existing bridge crossing of the Keewatin River to accommodate Project-related traffic."

The specific need and inclusion of the bridge in the Project Description stemmed from concerns regarding the long-term stability and general safety of the existing aging bridge and the recognition that consistent reliable site access was required for the duration of the Project. The intention was that this second bridge crossing would supplement existing access to the MacLellan site.

In spring 2021, bank undercutting during spring freshet caused the existing bridge on the MacLellan site access road to begin to slump into the Keewatin River. The bridge was subsequently removed on an

Alamos Gold Inc., Lynn Lake Gold Project 475 Sherritt Ave, PO Box 580, Lynn Lake, MB, ROB 0W0 Phone: 204-356-2647 www.alamosgold.com emergency basis after discussion with provincial and federal regulators. Environmental monitoring during the removal was completed by Stantec Consulting Ltd. with a representative of Marcel Colomb First Nation.

In order to re-instate access to the area for ongoing exploration activities, installation of a new permanent clear span bridge to replace the previous structure is required as soon as possible, pending regulatory approval. The installation of this new bridge is required regardless of approval of the Lynn Lake Gold Project, to provide continued site access for ongoing exploration activities.

With installation of a new replacement permanent bridge, consistent reliable site access will be achieved which negates the need for the installation of a second bridge crossing as part of the Lynn Lake Gold Project as described in the EIS. Therefore, the installation of a bridge is no longer a necessary or ancillary component of the Project undergoing assessment. Accordingly, Alamos seeks with this letter to advise IAAC that the Project Description of the EIS has been amended to no longer include a bridge crossing of the Keewatin River.

Alamos has engaged with the Province of Manitoba, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada regarding required approvals for the new bridge. Due to the design of the permanent bridge (clear span with no work in the river or below the high-water mark), the only formal regulatory approval requirement for the new bridge is an application through Transport Canada in relation to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. As part of the approval process, Transport Canada will facilitate consultation regarding the installation of the bridge with Indigenous Nations, stakeholders, and members of the public. This application is being imminently submitted. Correspondence with Transport Canada indicates that approval for the installation of the new bridge cannot be granted by Transport Canada until IAAC has granted approval for this Project Description amendment.

We trust that the information provided is sufficient to grant an amendment to the EIS Project Description. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours Truly,

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