

June 28, 2022

Attention: Sean Carriere

Regional Director Prairie and Northern Region Canada Place Suite 1145, 9700 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4C3

Dear Sean Carriere,

Re: Lynn Lake Gold Project – CEAA 2012 Extension

Alamos Gold Inc ("Alamos") submitted its Project Description in June 2017 and later its Environmental Impact Statement for the Lynn Lake Gold Project in May 2020. The Project has been undergoing extensive regulatory review pursuant to The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 ("CEAA 2012"). When the Impact Assessment Act ("IAA") came into force, the regulatory review continued under CEAA 2012.

At this point, Alamos has answered two rounds of Information Requests. Alamos hopes that it has provided all that the Impact Assessment Agency ("Agency") requires for consideration under CEAA 2012.

Out of an abundance of caution, Alamos asks that the time limit in which Alamos may provide the Agency information under CEAA 2012 be extended to **August 28, 2023**.

The reasons for this extension are as follows:

- Alamos is nearing the end of the regulatory process under CEAA 2012. It has provided extensive
 information to Canada so that Canada may write the environmental assessment report. As of
 August 2021, Alamos answered Round 1 Information Requests consisting of three packages (total
 of 203 multi-part requests). As of June 2022, Alamos has answered Round 2 Information Requests
 consisting of two packages (total of 166 multi-part requests).
- 2. It is possible that from now to August 28, 2022 (being 3 years after the IAA came into force) that Canada may ask a third Round of Information Requests. If this occurs, it is not expected that those Information Requests could be reasonably answered between July 2022 and August 28, 2022. As such, an extension of time is prudent.
- 3. Alamos is not aware of any material changes to the environment occurring at the Project location or to the Project that would affect the environmental assessment.
- 4. In terms of planned engagement activities, linked to required information, it is not possible to say as Alamos has answered all questions put to it by Canada and Indigenous Nations at this time.

Should Canada require more information to be gathered under CEAA 2012, Alamos would be prepared to provide Canada a list of any planned engagement activities that would be required.

5. Alamos meets biweekly with Agency staff to discuss the Project and the Agency is aware of all past work. In terms of a work plan for progress made to date and the use of additional time, it is not possible to provide such until it is confirmed whether Canada will be providing a Round 3 of Information Requests.

In the absence of knowing whether there will be a Round 3 of Information Requests, under a worst-case scenario, Alamos may need to deploy additional resources over the winter of 2022/2023 and no later than the spring of 2023 to collect supplemental baseline information to formally respond to Round 3 Information Requests no later than May 15th of 2023. The extension time requested post May 15th is to account for IAAC's review period. Alamos anticipates that this absolute worst case timeline would allow sufficient time for IAAC to submit their EA report to the Minister for a decision prior to August 28, 2023.

It should be emphasized that Alamos does not believe that a third Round is necessary, but in the event of additional Information Requests, the above requested time will be utilized to draft and submit any outstanding responses to IAAC.

- 6. COVID has had a significant impact on the ability of Indigenous Nations to engage with Alamos and has delayed Alamos' completion of responses to IRs. The effect has been to delay both of these through to 2022. But for COVID, Alamos would have anticipated earlier engagement and submission of IR responses. As IR responses are now effectively done, we do not anticipate any further COVID related impacts.
- 7. As this Project has undergone extensive review and work under CEAA 2012, commencing in 2017, it is fair for the process to continue under CEAA 2012 as opposed to a new process under the IAA for the reasons noted in the next point.
- While there is a separate process of regulatory review and consultation being conducted by Manitoba, Alamos does not anticipate that Manitoba's process impacts federal legislative time limits.
- 9. If an extension is not granted, the years of work done by Alamos under CEAA 2012 will be terminated by s. 181(3) of the IAA requiring that the assessment be conducted under the IAA. Given the resources put into the process to date, if this situation were to materialize, Alamos would need to re-consider the project.

In summary, we are currently facing two deadlines with respect to this Assessment – the legislative deadline of August 28, 2022; and the extension request deadline of June 28, 2022. Compounding these deadlines, is the unknown factor of whether Canada may advance further Information Requests between these two dates.

Accordingly, Alamos is requesting the extension above.

Respectfully,

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