

Kathryn MacCarthy
Project Manager - Atlantic Regional Office
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada - Government of Canada

August 11, 2023

Dear Ms. MacCarthy:

Atlantic Mining Nova Scotia Inc. (AMNS) is writing to advise that the company has decided to withdraw the Fifteen Mile Stream Gold Project application from the cooperative federal-provincial environmental assessment process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and Part IV of the *Nova Scotia Environment Act*.

Without clear direction on the future of in-pit tailings deposition at the Touquoy Mine Site, it is necessary to consider alternatives to the project design for Fifteen Mile Stream. The company maintains its commitment to the development of the Fifteen Mile Stream Gold Project and will be seeking input from the public, stakeholders, and First Nation communities in the coming months as alternatives are considered.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Sara Wallace, M.Sc.F.
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