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Attention: Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

RE: Tent Mountain Mine – Request for Suspension of Time Limit

Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd. (“**Montem**”) is the proponent of the Tent Mountain Mine Project (the “**Project**”). The Project is the restart of a small, existing mine in the Crowsnest Pass area of Alberta.

Montem understands that the Minister has received several requests to designate the Project for federal review under section 9 of the *Impact Assessment Act*¹ (**IAA**) and that the Minister is required to respond, with reasons, to the first request within 90 days after the day on which it was received, which is on or about June 1, 2021.

Montem is writing to request that the Minister suspend the time limit to make his decision for an additional 30 days pursuant to section 9(5) of IAA and section 2 of the *Information and Time Management Regulations*.² Montem’s interpretation of the legislation is that the Minister has the power to suspend the time limit for “any activity related to the designated project” upon written request from the proponent, including the decision on whether or not to designate the activity for federal review.

¹ SC 2019 c.28

² SOR/2019-283.

Montem has been working diligently with stakeholders and Indigenous communities potentially impacted by the Project and is very close to resolving the issues and concerns of the First Nation in closest proximity to the Project. Montem sincerely believes that the additional time will be beneficial to all parties concerned and would appreciate this additional time to reach an agreement with this First Nation prior to the Minister reaching his decision on whether or not to designate the Project for federal review.

Sincerely,

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