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Dear Mr. Nelson

Please find attached Taseko's draft EIS submission for the New Prosperity Project. We are submitting this document to the Agency as required by Section 4.7 of the *Terms of Reference for the Federal Panel Reviewing the New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project* issued by the Minister of the Environment on May 9, 2012.

Our expectation is that as per the Terms of Reference, within 30 days the Agency will review the EIS, compare it to the EIS Guidelines and provide Taseko with comments on whether the draft EIS addresses the EIS Guidelines. We understand this to be a review of adequacy in meeting the requirements of the Guidelines and not a review of content with respect to validity of conclusions. Consistent with that understanding all specific data and resulting conclusions that are included in the draft EIS should be considered by reviewers as draft as much of it is currently undergoing 3rd party review and validation.

You will note that two sections are not included in this draft submission; specifically the Executive Summary required under section 1.4.3, and section 2.11 Assessment Summary and Conclusions. Both of these sections are summaries of the content of the EIS and as such will reflect the same level of adequacy as the balance of the submission. These sections will be complete and submitted as part of the final EIS submission. Their absence in this draft is simply noted for your convenience.

You will also note that within the draft there are a number of figures, tables, and some areas of text that are identified as placeholders for final submission. We believe that the content of these tables and figures and annotation with respect to missing text is sufficiently well described in the draft that reviewers will be able to make a determination of adequacy without the actual table, figure, or text.

All appendices referenced in the draft EIS will be submitted with the final EIS.

Sincerely yours.

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