

July 21, 2017

**VIA EMAIL**

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**Re: Request for information regarding proposed activities at the New Prosperity site**

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This letter is in response to your July 17, 2017 letter to Mr. Brian Battison regarding Taseko's Notice of Work submission for the New Prosperity Site Investigation Program.

That submission was approved on July 14, 2017 and Taseko received the Notice of Work permit issued pursuant to the *Mines Act*, RSBC 1996, c.293 (the "Permit") for the site investigation program on July 17, 2017. A copy of the Permit (being an amendment to Taseko's Exploration Permit MX-3-131), reasons for decision dated July 17, 2017, and correspondence from Rick Adams, Senior Inspector – Permitting, is attached for your information and reference.

As to your question of whether the Notice of Work includes any act or thing that is connected to carrying out the New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project, the answer is no. The Notice of Work relates to Taseko's approved field work program which is fully described in the enclosed Permit and the accompanying reasons for decision. The program consists of exploration and site investigation activities including construction of test pits, drill sites, exploration and access trails. The Permit requires reclamation of all disturbances when the program activities are concluded. The program does not involve the construction or operation of a mine or any other activities that would fall within the scope of the definition of "designated activities" under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* ("CEAA 2012").

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,  
<Original signed by>

John McManus, P. Eng.  
Chief Operating Officer

Encls: Reasons for Decision (Permit MX-3-131, New Prosperity Site Investigation Program)  
dated July 17, 2017

Amended *Mines Act* Permit MX-3-131 dated July 14, 2017

Permit Cover Letter to Taseko dated July 14, 2017

Notice of Work #0300150201601

Archaeological Management for Exploration Environmental Protection and Management  
Plan

Working In or Near Streams and Wetlands Environmental Protection and Management  
Plan

Sensitive Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat Features Environmental Protection and  
Management Plan

Mine Emergency Response Plan