



Ministry of
Energy and Mines

July 17, 2017

File: 16475-20/0300150

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Re: Reasons For Decision

Mines Act Permit: MX-3-131
Permittee: Taseko Mines Limited
Project: New Prosperity Site Investigation Program
Notice of Work #: 0300150201601

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of my decision regarding the Taseko Mines Limited's Notice of Work Application #0300150201601 for the New Prosperity Site Investigation Program in the vicinity of Teztan Biny (Fish Lake), Yanah Biny (Little Fish Lake), and the surrounding Nabas area. This honours my commitment to provide the TNG with timely notice of my decision as I stated I would in the two face to face meetings with TNG representatives on March 28, 2017 and May 12, 2017.

My attached Reasons for Decision provides a summary of my considerations, including the Tsilhqot'in concerns raised during consultation, and mitigating or accommodating opportunities, and my decision to issue the *Mines Act* permit. My considerations and rationale are limited to the authorization issued under the *Mines Act*. I do not speak to any activities associated with the

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations consideration of the Occupant Licence to Cut application, nor to any other authorizations which may be required by TML.

Please find attached my Reasons for Decision as well as a copy of the amended *Mines Act* permit with conditions MX-3-131.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Rick Adams
Senior Inspector – Permitting
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Encl: Reasons for Decision July 14, 2017
Amended Mines Act Permit MX-3-131 July 14, 2017
Permit Cover Letter 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

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