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Sent via email: [RHallbauer@tasekomines.com](mailto:RHallbauer@tasekomines.com)

SUBJECT: Response to your letter dated August 9, 2017.

Dear Mr. Hallbauer:

I write further to your letter of August 9, 2017, which I received from my litigation counsel. I note that I have not received a copy directly.

Please confirm that Taseko Mines Limited will not proceed with any work pursuant to the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Permit Number MX-3-131, dated July 14, 2017, in whole or in part, **unless and until** you have obtained a positive federal environmental assessment decision for the New Prosperity Project.

Sincerely,  
<Original signed by>

Michel K. Vitou  
Chief of Compliance and Enforcement  
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

cc: Brian Battison, Vice President, Taseko Mines Limited  
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