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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of the Environment
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor
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Dear Minister:

**Re: New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project (the “Project”)
Federal Review Panel**

We are counsel for Taseko Mines Limited (“**Taseko**”), which has recently received the federal review panel’s report (“**the Report**”) respecting the proposed Project. I am writing to advise that we are preparing a submission which is relevant to your pending decision under section 52(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 and specifically your determination as to whether the Project is or is not “likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects”. Since you are required by section 47 to make your decision “after taking into account the review panel report” and under section 52 must do so “taking into account the implementation of any mitigations measures [you] consider appropriate”, we believe it is appropriate and indeed essential as a matter of administrative fairness for you to receive and consider Taseko’s submission respecting the Report and potential mitigation measures before you make your determination. We will provide that next week and we ask that you not make any determination under section 52(1) until after our submission has been submitted and considered.

Yours truly,

<original signed by>

Karl E. Gustafson, Q.C.*

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cc: Ron Hallman, President
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