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December 17, 2020

Mr. John Wallington  
Chief Executive Officer  
Riversdale Resources Ltd.  
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Dear Mr. Wallington:

As you are aware, on October 16, 2020, the Grassy Mountain Joint Review Panel wrote to me and Mr. Laurie Pushor, Chief Executive Officer with the Alberta Energy Regulator, requesting that the time limit for the submission of its Report be extended by 135 days.

In consideration of both the Joint Review Panel's request and your letter of October 16, 2020, and in consultation with Mr. Pushor, I recommended that the Governor in Council grant the extension. As noted in the Joint Review Panel's request, this time is needed to ensure the Joint Review Panel is able to fulfill its responsibilities under provincial legislation, as well as to account for the ongoing challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Governor in Council, acting on my recommendation, has extended the time limit for the issuance of a decision statement to Benga Mining Limited by a total of 135 days. I have allocated this time to the Joint Review Panel for the submission of its Report. With this extension, the Joint Review Panel is required to submit its report no later than June 18, 2020. I have encouraged the Joint Review Panel to find efficiencies wherever possible, and submit its report at the earliest possible date within the overall time limit.

Ms. Colette Spagnuolo, Director of Review Panels with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, is available to provide any assistance or clarification that you may require. She can be reached by email at <email address removed> or by telephone at <contact information removed>

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.