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Sent via email: CWebster@alamosgold.com

SUBJECT: Technical Review of Round 1 Information Request Responses for the Lynn Lake Gold Project – Round 2, Package 2 Information Requests

Dear Colin Webster:

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), with input from federal authorities, Indigenous groups, and the public, conducted a technical review of the responses to Round 1 Information Requests (IRs) submitted by Alamos Gold Inc. on May 25, 2021, July 9, 2021, and August 5, 2021 for the Lynn Lake Gold Project (the Project).

Upon review of the information, the Agency determined that there are several areas where information is still required to determine whether the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and to inform the Agency's preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). The Agency provided a first package of Round 2 IRs on August 30, 2021. Attached is the second package of Round 2 IRs to address the remaining information requirements.

All submissions with respect to the technical review of Alamos Gold Inc.'s Round 1 IR responses will be made publicly available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #80140). Alamos Gold Inc. is encouraged to review all of the comments submitted as they include detailed information and advice to support Alamos Gold Inc. in responding to the Round 2 IRs.

When responding to Round 2 IRs, the Agency requests that Alamos Gold Inc.:

- consider the context and rationale for the required information for every question;



- present thorough discussions of any areas of uncertainty, applying a precautionary approach, given that some studies and plans may not be complete at this time;
- where uncertainty remains, provide clearly defined, detailed follow-up program measures, including proposed further mitigation measures; and
- present complete or summarized information and discussion within the IR responses, rather than limited responses to references to applicable reports.

The Government of Canada is integrating consultation with Indigenous peoples into the EA process for the Project, to the extent possible, to fulfill its duty to consult, and where appropriate, accommodate. As noted in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines, the Crown will rely on information collected for the purposes of the EA to fulfill its duty to consult and inform its assessment of potential impacts on the exercise of Aboriginal or Treaty rights. The Agency requests that Alamos Gold Inc. engage with each Indigenous nation identified in the EIS Guidelines and in subsequent correspondence to gather the required information and discuss outstanding concerns.

In accordance with CEAA 2012, the time taken by Alamos Gold Inc. to provide the required information is not included in the legal timeframe within which the Minister of Environment and Climate Change must make their EA decision for the Project. Issuance of the first IR package on August 30, 2021 paused the timeline at day 142 of 365.

The Agency welcomes the opportunity to discuss the outcome of this review with Alamos Gold Inc. and provide further advice on how best to address the information required to move forward with the assessment process. If you have any questions, please contact me at chelsea.fedrau@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 780-246-7126.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (1):

- Lynn Lake Gold Project - Technical Review - Round 2, Package 2 Information Requests

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