

Impact Assessment

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August 29, 2022

Sara Wallace Head of Permitting Atlantic Mining NS Inc. <email address removed>

SUBJECT: Notice of termination of the environmental assessment for the **Cochrane Hill Gold Project**

Dear Sara Wallace:

On August 12, 2019, April 27, 2021, March 3, 2022, and June 23, 2022, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) contacted you regarding the three-year legislated time limit for you to provide the required information or studies for the environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012) for the Cochrane Hill Gold Project (the Project) pursuant to subsection 181(2) of the Impact Assessment Act (the IAA).

The deadline to submit the required information or studies described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines issued for the Project was August 28, **2022**. The required information or studies have not been provided to the Agency, nor has an extension to the three-year legislated time limit been granted. The environmental assessment for the Project under CEAA 2012 is terminated in accordance with section 181(3) of the IAA. A notice informing the public of the termination will be posted on the Registry https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80159.

If you still wish to proceed with the Project, you should consider whether the Project is a designated physical activity described in the *Physical Activities Regulations*, as the prohibitions under section 7 of the IAA may apply to the Project. If the Project is described in the *Physical Activities Regulations*, you must submit an Initial Project Description to the Agency in accordance with section 10 of the IAA. The information that must be provided in an Initial Project Description is detailed in the Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations under the IAA. Further information on the IAA is available on the Agency's website at https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessmentagency.html.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kathryn MacCarthy, the Project Manager for the environmental assessment, by phone at Kathryn.MacCarthy@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Mike Atkinson Regional Director