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Hi Jessica,

This email is in regards to your August 25<sup>th</sup> email to Harold regarding some AIA questions. Please see below for responses to your questions.

In going through the heritage resources material, we had a few questions we were hoping you could help with.

1. Re. the previously disturbed archaeological site (HgSq-15) on the exploration road:

a. Was this area included in the AIA for KS?

No, this area was not included in the AIA for KS. However, this area was included in the AIA for Kemess North (2003) and no sites were found.

b. Were any sort of archaeological permits obtained prior to developing this road?

There were no archaeological permits obtained prior to developing the road that I can find record of. All exploration development permits were issued by the Ministry of Energy and Mines. Based on the AIA conducted in 2014 (Appendix 19-B), all of the materials found at the site were collected and documented. Shovel testing conducted in the area failed to locate any additional cultural material and no further work was recommended at the site (Crossroads 2015). With input from the Archaeology Branch, it was recommended that AuRico apply for a HCA Section 12 Site Alteration permit to develop the site area for road upgrades (Crossroads 2015).

2. For the areas for which an AIA has not yet been completed (Exhaust Ventilation Access Road, Borrow 10 Expansion, East Pit Quarry Additional Development Area, Diversion Ditches and Attichika Discharge Pipeline):

a. When will this occur?

An AIA capturing the above mentioned areas is anticipated to be undertaken in 2017, prior to construction.

b. Why wasn't an AIA completed for these areas previously?

The timeline for construction in the above mentioned areas is such that there will be sufficient time to complete the AIA's and any necessary decisions regarding archaeological or heritage resources can be made without undue time pressure (ie- work will be undertaken in these areas after the first year of construction and likely even later). In the event that an archaeological site is discovered in any of these areas, the sites will be subject to the general mitigation measures outlined in the Heritage Management Plan (Chapter 25). In addition, the EA assessments applied buffers around these areas to allow for some flexibility in final placement of these features.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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