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Dear Mr. McLeod and Mr. McPhie:

On July 14, 2017, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) received an Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (Application) for the proposed Red Mountain Underground Gold Project (Red Mountain) from IDM Mining Ltd. (IDM).

The Section 11 Order issued by the EAO on February 10, 2016, states that the Project Assessment Lead will seek advice from the Working Group when determining whether the Application contains the information specified in the Application Information Requirements (AIR) that were issued by the EAO on March 30, 2017. The EAO has evaluated the Application and considered advice from the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government, as well as other Working Group members. The EAO has concluded that the Application does not provide an appropriately meaningful treatment of the requirements in the AIR, and has decided not to accept the Application for review.

Attached is a Table of Concordance (TOC) that includes all comments received from reviewers. This includes the comments and the EAO direction previously shared with

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IDM during the application screening period. This includes the comments and EAO direction previously shared with IDM during the application screening period. The TOC outlines each of the AIR requirements that the EAO has deemed to have not been met and includes direction to IDM on how to meet each information requirement for items designated a “Screening-level Issue”. The EAO requests that IDM revise the Application to incorporate this information into the Application before resubmitting to the EAO for review.

The EAO understands that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency provided IDM with the results of their conformity review on August 11, 2017. The EAO requests that IDM incorporate any changes as a result of the federal review into the Application before resubmitting to the EAO. This will ensure that both agencies have the same information when moving into the coordinated technical review of the project.

The EAO encourages IDM to review and consider all comments in the TOC, including those marked “FYI for Application Review” and “To be addressed early in Application Review” when making revisions to the Application. IDM is also encouraged to contact individual reviewers to discuss the input they have provided, while keeping the EAO apprised of discussions with Nisga’a Nation and other Working Group members.

The EAO would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the attached Table, as well as any other aspects of the Application you may wish to address before resubmitting the Red Mountain Application.

I should note that Application Evaluation is a scan of the Application for the purposes of determining whether the AIR have been met, and this evaluation does not constitute an in-depth review to determine whether or not issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of the EAO. Such determinations are made during the application review phase of the Environmental Assessment process.

Upon receipt of a revised Application, there will be another evaluation period. The EAO will evaluate the revised Application against the AIR and provide an opportunity for Working Group members to review updated sections as necessary. The EAO will notify you in writing whether or not the Application has been accepted for formal technical review. To facilitate this review, please provide the EAO with a red-line version and a final clean version of the Application when resubmitted.

Please contact me by telephone at 250 387-0833, or by email at Lindsay.Luke@gov.bc.ca, if you have questions. Alternatively, you may contact Chelsea Garside at 250 387-0712, or Chelsea.Garside@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lindsay Luke".

Lindsay Luke
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Enclosure (1): Red Mountain Table of Concordance

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