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Dear Mr. Rasilainen:

I am writing regarding the suspension of the 180-day time limit for the review of CertainTeed Gypsum Canada Inc.'s (CertainTeed) application for an environmental assessment (EA) certificate (Application) for the Kootenay West Mine Project. On June 20, 2017, pursuant to Section 24(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and at the request of CertainTeed, I suspended the application review time limit to allow for the assessment of new technical information related to surface water quality modelling submitted by CertainTeed on June 13, 2017, and to allow CertainTeed additional time to meaningfully respond to round two comments on the Application received from the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), the advisory Working Group and First Nations.

I have been advised by Terry Pratt, the EAO's lead for the EA of the Kootenay West Mine Project, that the technical information related to surface water quality modelling has been assessed by the advisory Working Group and that CertainTeed has provided meaningful responses to all round two comments on the Application.

I am satisfied that the requirements set out in my suspension letter of June 20, 2017, have been met, and I am lifting the suspension effective today, on day 93 of the 180-day application review period.

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Terry Pratt will provide more specific direction, guidance and timing regarding the remaining process steps and requirements. If you have any questions related to this letter or the end of the time limit suspension, please contact Terry at 250 371-3710 or Terry.Pratt@gov.bc.ca.

With best regards,



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