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Dear Mr. McPhie:

On March 13, 2018, pursuant to Section 24(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and at the request of IDM, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) suspended the application review time limit. The suspension was to allow IDM Mining Ltd.'s (IDM) additional time to resolve outstanding issues and address working group comments related to human health, portal plug design feasibility assessment, water quality and the mine waste disposal alternatives assessment.

I understand that IDM has been participating in topic specific working group meetings and providing materials progressively over the course of the suspension to address these outstanding issues. The EAO, in consultation with the Working Group and Nisga'a Lisims Government, has reviewed the responses provided by IDM and I am satisfied that the responses provided by IDM meet the requirements set out in my March 13, 2018 letter. As such, I am lifting the suspension effective today, at day 134 of 180 of the Application Review period.

I would like to note that while the EAO has determined that IDM has fulfilled the information requirements related to the current provincial suspension, this does not mean that all issues in relation to the Environmental Assessment of the proposed Red Mountain Underground Gold Project have been satisfactorily resolved. I encourage IDM to continue to work with the EAO and engage with the Working Group, including the Nisga'a Lisims Government, to fully understand any outstanding concerns the groups may have and to seek resolution.

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Lindsay Luke, Project Assessment Manager, 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 Ms. Luke at 778 698-9308 or Lindsay.Luke@gov.bc.ca.

With very best regards,



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