IN THE MATTER OF PROJECT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE # 96-07
(Mount Polley Copper/Gold Project)

CONSENT FOR MATERIAL ALTERATION

WHEREAS:

A. Imperial Metals Corporation received project certification in the form of a Mine Development Certificate on or about October 6th, 1992 and that this Certificate continued in force as a Project Approval Certificate # 96-07 pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act* R.S.B.C 1996, c.119 and an environmental assessment certificate *Environmental Assessment Act*, S.B.C 2002, c.43 (the "EAC").

B. The EAC was transferred to the Mount Polley Holding Company which subsequently changed its name to the Mount Polley Mining Corporation.

C. Condition 2 of the EAC provides that: Imperial Metals shall, prior to any material alteration of the Development as described in the Application, obtain the written consent of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (now known as the Minister of Energy and Mines) and the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks (now known as the Minister of the Environment), and the Minister of Energy and Mines may determine what constitutes a material alteration to the Project.

D. Mount Polley Mining Corporation submitted an application for short-term water treatment and discharge to the Ministry of the Environment on July 16, 2015, seeking authorization under the *Environmental Management Act* for discharge of mine effluent to Hazeltine Creek where it would flow into a sediment pond and via pipeline to discharge at depth in Quesnel Lake (the "Short Term Water Discharge").

E. The Minister of Energy of Mines has determined that the proposed Short-Term Water Discharge is a material alteration to the project pursuant to Condition 2 of the EAC.

F. The Ministry of the Environment has reviewed the application for the Short Term Water Discharge and recommends that the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Energy Mines consent to the material alteration under Condition 2 of the EAC.

NOW THEREFORE:

The undersigned Ministers pursuant to Condition 2 of the EAC hereby do consent to the Short Term Water Discharge as a material alteration to the EAC.





Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment

Honourable Bill Bennett
Minister of Energy and Mines

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