

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE *ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 51 [the ACT (2018)]**

AND

**AN APPLICATION TO EXTEND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE
M09-02
(CERTIFICATE)**

**BY
TASEKO MINES LIMITED**

**FOR THE
PROSPERITY GOLD-COPPER PROJECT
(PROJECT)**

EXTENSION UNDER SECTION 31

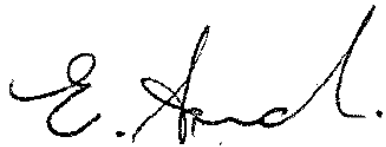
WHEREAS:

- A. Under the Certificate issued to Taseko Mines Ltd. (Certificate Holder) on January 14, 2010, the Ministers required the Certificate Holder to substantially start the Project by January 14, 2015, failing which the Certificate would expire.
- B. On January 13, 2015, the Certificate was extended under Section 18(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, SBC 2002, c.43 [the former Act (2002)] until January 14, 2020.
- C. On December 12, 2019, the Certificate Holder applied to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Chief Executive Assessment Officer for a 12-month extension of this date under Section 31(2) of the Act (2018).
- D. Under Section 31(4) of the Act (2018), the Chief Executive Assessment Officer may extend the deadline specified in the Certificate, on one occasion only, for not more than five years.
- E. On December 19, 2019, a regulation under Section 77(2)(h) of the Act (2018) was deposited (the Exemption Regulation No. 2), specifying that the provision of the Act (2018) that limits extensions to “one occasion only” does not apply to this Certificate if the deadline is not extended beyond January 14, 2021.

- F. On January 13, 2020, the Certificate was extended under Section 31(4) of the Act (2018) until January 14, 2021.
- G. On December 9, 2020, the Certificate Holder applied to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Chief Executive Assessment Officer for an additional 12-month extension under Section 31(2) of the Act (2018).
- H. On January 8, 2021, an amendment to Exemption Regulation No. 2 was made to enable the Certificate to be extended to January 14, 2022.
- I. I have fully considered the reasons in the Certificate Holder's request and supplemental information and input received from Indigenous nations.

NOW THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Section 31(4) of the Act (2018), I extend the date specified in the Certificate by which Taseko Mines Limited must have substantially started the Project to January 14, 2022.



Elenore Arend
Chief Executive Assessment Officer
Environmental Assessment Office

Issued this 13th day of January, 2021