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## **SENT VIA EMAIL**

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## Dear François Vézina:

I am writing to provide Osisko Development Corporation (ODV) with notice of the results on the Application Review phase for the proposed Cariboo Gold Project (Cariboo Gold), pursuant to Section 27(2)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018) (the Act).

ODV submitted its Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (Application) to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) for Cariboo Gold on July 28, 2021. Throughout Application review, the EAO worked with the participating Indigenous nations, Technical Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, and the public (together, the "participants") to identify potential deficiencies in the Application and provide any comments.

The EAO developed a detailed Application Review Issues Tracking Table that outlines: the comments submitted by participating Indigenous nations and the Technical Advisory Committee during the course of Application review; ODV's responses; the status on the resolution of issues that were raised; and comments that remain open for further discussion prior to the submission of the Revised Application.

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The EAO also developed a Notice Regarding Application Review Report, which provides a summary of the key concerns provided to the EAO by the participants on the Application and the results of the public comment period undertaken on the Application.

This letter, the Notice Regarding Application Review Report, and the Application Review Issues Tracking Table together constitute the notice that I, as the Chief Executive Assessment Officer, must provide you within 180 days of receiving an application.

The EAO acknowledges that ODV has addressed a number of issues raised during the Application Review phase. It is the EAO's expectation that ODV will continue to work on resolving issues that remain open at the time of this notice, as indicated in the Application Review Issues Tracking Table.

Following this notice, ODV may submit a Revised Application pursuant to Section 27(3) of the Act, which updates the Application in accordance with:

- The information required by the Cariboo Gold <u>Process Order</u>; and
- The Application Review Issues Tracking Table, including any updates to the table that occur for issues that are open at the time of this notice.

The Chief Executive Assessment Officer (CEAO) may accept a Revised Application for review only if the CEAO is satisfied that the Revised Application contains the information required by the <u>Process Order</u> and that the Revised Application responds to the matters set out in the notice referred to in Section 27(2)(b) of the Act. I call to your attention that the acceptance of a revised application requires that I seek to achieve consensus with participating Indigenous nations with respect to the sufficiency of the Application.

If you have any questions or require other information, please contact Katherine St James by telephone at (778) 698-9338, or by email at Katherine.StJames@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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