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Dear Kelsey Dodd:

On March 6, 2024, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) received an Amendment Project Description from Barkerville Gold Mines Ltd. (BGM) describing a proposed amendment to Environmental Assessment Certificate #M23-01 for the Cariboo Gold Project.

The proposed Amendment is for the following changes to the Project:

- 1) Updates to the transmission line including increasing the voltage, the addition of a step-up substation, burying the power line where it crosses a BC Hydro transmission line near Barlow Substation, new access roads, expansion of a right-of-way at the Cottonwood River crossing, and the addition of three new laydown areas;
- 2) Removal of the noise mitigation during construction and early operations; and
- 3) Addition of the use of an existing ATV access road at the QR Mill.

Under Section 32(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act), the Chief Executive Assessment Officer, or a delegate, can set procedures for an Amendment process. This letter provides those procedures for the proposed Amendment.

The Amendment Application must include the requirements listed in Section 4.3 of the EAO's Guidance for Amendments to Environmental Assessment Certificates and Exemption Orders, available [here](#).

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Once the Amendment Application is received, the EAO will consider the Amendment Application and engage in an assessment process that will provide opportunities for reviewers, such as government agencies, and participating Indigenous nations, to provide advice to and inform the EAO's review as part of the EAO's Technical Advisory Committee.

In addition to the requirements under the Act, the review process will include the following key steps:

- The EAO coordinating the review of the Amendment Application with the Technical Advisory Committee, including participating Indigenous nations;
- BGM responding to comments, which will be reviewed for adequacy;
- BGM participating in meetings, as directed by the EAO;
- BGM engaging with participating Indigenous nations who wish to meet to identify concerns, potential impacts to interests, and measures to accommodate the potential impacts, as directed by the EAO;
- The EAO preparing a report, collaboratively with participating Indigenous nations, that summarizes key issues raised during the review and the EAO's conclusions about the Amendment Application;
- The EAO providing a draft of the report, any proposed conditions, and any proposed changes to the certified project description to those who assisted with the development and review of these materials, including participating Indigenous nations, as well as to BGM; and
- The Project Assessment Director referring the Application and Amendment referral package to the decision-maker.

In addition, the EAO will seek to achieve consensus with participating Indigenous nations with respect to this amendment.

Due to the proximity of the project to the town of Wells the EAO will conduct a public engagement and comment period for this Amendment Application, and a Community Advisory Committee will be established.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Amendment process, please contact me at 778 698-9338 or by email at Katherine.StJames@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



Katherine St. James
Project Assessment Director, Environmental Assessment Office