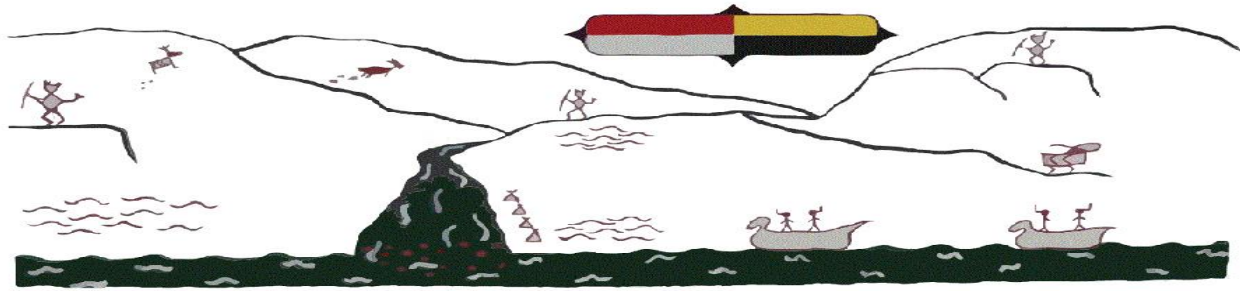


## Kanaka Bar Indian Band



December 5, 2024

Delivered by email

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Dear Ms. Janes,

**Re: Kanaka Bar Indian Band (“T’eqt’aqtn’mux”) Consent Notice for the Draft Assessment Report of the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project (“Project”)**

We write in follow up to our letter on November 21, 2024 concerning T’eqt’aqtn’mux’s decision regarding its consent to the issuance of the Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Project.

Although representatives of our community have participated throughout the Project’s environmental assessment process, we as the leadership of T’eqt’aqtn’mux do not believe that the Environmental Assessment Office’s (“EAO”) review satisfies the protocols and processes required under Nlaka’pamux law, which has governed the collective lands on which the T’eqt’aqtn’mux have lived for millennia. Further, we do not believe that the conditions set out in the EAO’s draft Table of Conditions for the Project’s Environmental Assessment Certificate are alone sufficient to address the concerns of our community regarding the Project’s long-term impacts.

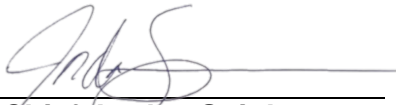
However, in light of the continued engagement between T’eqt’aqtn’mux, the EAO, and Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership (“Teck”), we write to notify the EAO of T’eqt’aqtn’mux’s approval of the recommendations proposed in the draft Assessment Report and the draft Environmental Assessment Certificate and its schedules, subject to the following conditions (together, the “Conditions”):

1. That Teck and the Province provide regular communications and share relevant technical information concerning the Project and its compliance activities with T’eqt’aqtn’mux’s leadership and T’eqt’aqtn’mux’s Manager of Lands Stewardship;

2. That Teck provide direct and prioritized responses to information requests from T'eqt'aqtn'mux's Manager of Lands Stewardship, as may be provided from time to time, including, but not being limited to, information relating to compliance and monitoring activities undertaken by Teck, outcomes for critical wildlife species, and the Project's tailings storage facility operations and maintenance;
3. That Teck and the Province work directly with T'eqt'aqtn'mux's Manager of Lands Stewardship to ensure culturally appropriate measures are in place to protect cultural heritage resources that may be impacted by the Project; and
4. That Teck establish a framework with T'eqt'aqtn'mux concerning Teck's role in implementing each of the above matters to the satisfaction of T'eqt'aqtn'mux.

We look forward to continuing to work with Teck and the EAO and other relevant authorities of the Province to ensure that T'eqt'aqtn'mux's rights and interests are adequately protected.

Respectfully,



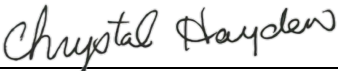
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