

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

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE #M96-07
HELD BY
MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION**

**FOR THE
MT. POLLEY COPPER/GOLD PROJECT
(PROJECT)**

CONSENT FOR MATERIAL ALTERATION

WHEREAS:

- A. Imperial Metals Corporation received project certification in the form of a Mine Development Certificate on October 6, 1992 and that this Certificate continued in force as a Project Approval Certificate #M96-07 pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act* R.S.B.C. 1996, c.119 and an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.43.
- 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 Mining and Critical Minerals) and the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks (now known as the Minister of Environment and Parks), and the Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals may determine what constitutes a material alteration to the Project.
- D. On November 23, 2015, the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Minister of Environment provided consent to the short-term water discharge to Hazeltine Creek and via pipeline to Quesnel Lake as a material alteration to the EAC.
- E. On April 6, 2017, the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Minister of Environment provided consent to allow for the operational effluent discharge to Quesnel Lake to address the management of mine water during the remainder of the mine life as a material alteration to the EAC.
- F. On August 1, 2024, Mount Polley Mining Corporation applied for a *Mines Act* permit amendment to raise the tailings storage facility (TSF) dam height to accommodate tailings from the materials milled under the current authorization (Interim TSF Dam Raise).
- G. On February 18, 2025, the Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals determined that the proposed Interim TSF Dam Raise is a material alteration to the project pursuant to Condition 2 of the EAC.

- H. The Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals has reviewed the Interim TSF Dam Raise and is considering the permit amendment application by Mount Polley Mining Corporation.
- I. The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has reviewed the application for the Interim TSF Dam Raise and recommends that the Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals and Minister of Environment and Parks 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 Interim TSF Dam Raise as a material alteration to the EAC.



Honourable Jagrup Brar
Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals



Honourable Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks

Issued this 27 day of March, 2025