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December 18, 2023

Mr. Fred Kiernicki
P.O. Box 1143
Kirkland Lake, ON, P2N 3M7

Dear Mr. Kiernicki,

**Re: Exploration Plan Submission, PL-23-000103
Heighington Township; District of Cochrane**

As a result of concerns received from Taykwa Tagamou Nation on December 15, 2023 the Director of Exploration has determined, that activities on the exploration plan submitted on November 13, 2023 will require an exploration permit.

In the usual course, you would have been authorized to commence all of the activities proposed in the exploration plan on December 19, 2023. In this case, however, I have determined that an exploration permit will be required, in order to address issues that have been raised with regard to Aboriginal and or treaty rights. A permit will be required for the following activities:

- Geophysical Survey Requiring a Generator
- Mechanized Stripping (<100m² in 200 metre radius)
- Mechanized Drilling (Assembled Weight <= 150kg)
- Pitting and Trenching (>1m³, <=3m³ in 200 metre radius)
- Line Cutting (<1.5m width)

The Ministry of Mines (MINES) will continue its consultation with Aboriginal communities with regard to this proposed project and may require your direct participation in that process to further explain your activities, or to discuss and consider adjustments you may be willing to make, to mitigate potential adverse effects identified. We will contact you with specific direction, as necessary.

I anticipate making a decision with regard to issuance of the required permit as soon as 31 days after the date of this letter, and within 50 days at the latest.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the regulatory process, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Persad, Mineral Exploration and Development Consultant in the Timmins office, at 705 363 6887 or by e-mail to andrew.persad@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Young', is written over the printed name.

Michael Young
Director of Exploration

Cc. Chief and Council; Matachewan First Nation
Chief June Black and Council; Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
Chief Bruce Archibald and Council; Taykwa Tagamou Nation