

April 4, 2019

Eric Everett
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Re: Goldcorp submission with respect to the proposed repealing of the *Far North Act* in Ontario

Dear Mr. Everett,

Please accept the following submission as Goldcorp's perspective on the proposed repealing of the Far North Act in Ontario. We thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Headquartered in Vancouver, Goldcorp is one of the world's leading gold producers, employing more than 15,000 people globally. Focusing on responsible mining practices with safe, low-cost production facilities throughout the Americas, Goldcorp is committed to creating social and economic benefits for all of our stakeholders, at every phase of the mining lifecycle.

Our domestic and international operations have been recognized for their sustainable mining practices, their collaborative approach with local Indigenous communities and their commitment to strong corporate citizenship in the small, usually remote communities in which we are located. In Ontario Goldcorp has three operating mines that employ approximately 3000 workers with high quality good paying jobs.

Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine is located in the 'Far North' of Ontario. It is a fly in fly out operation located 500 km North of Thunder Bay. Given the mine opened in 1997 and the *Far North Act* came into force in 2010, the legislation has had limited impact on Goldcorp's existing operations. However, as an operator with experience in the Far North we know that regulatory and planning hurdles, such as those included in the *Far North Act*, do not generally serve the future potential of mining development in Ontario.

Given many of the high-grade deposits in Ontario and across Canada have been mined, leaving us with lower grade ores that are more challenging to access both technically and economically, removing barriers to development is advised if the Province wants to support and promote mining in Ontario.

Goldcorp is committed to engaging local communities, including First Nations, in our mining development and operations. We pride ourselves on developing respectful, legitimate and positive relations with the communities and people who live close to our operations. We believe that this

approach has been integral to our success and I believe that many of our peers recognize the importance of implementation consultation and engagement best practices as well.

As some communities fundamentally oppose the land use planning process under the *Far North Act* and do not feel they were appropriately consulted during its development we recommend that the *Act* be repealed as proposed. We feel there are other avenues for achieving similar policy objectives without stymying economic development unnecessarily.

Goldcorp welcomes the opportunity to comment on this proposal. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the Ontario Government on any further policy proposals. Should you have any questions on the recommendations contained herein, Goldcorp would be happy to provide further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Garofalo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Garofalo
President and CEO, Goldcorp Inc

cc. John Mullally, Vice President Corporate Affairs and Energy Regulation