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Dear Mr. MacDonald,

SUBJECT: Outcome of the Technical Review of the response to Information Request #1 of the Goliath Gold Project Environmental Impact Statement

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) has completed the technical review of the response to Information Request #1 of the Goliath Gold Project (the Project) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documentation from Treasury Metals Inc. (Treasury) and determined that the information provided is insufficient for the purpose of moving forward with the environmental assessment (EA).

To facilitate moving forward with the EA, the Agency has prepared information requests (IRs), contained in this letter and the attached Annex 1, in consultation with Environment and Climate Change Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Health Canada. The IRs were also informed by comments from provincial Ministries.

The attached IRs (Annex 1) are categorized and sorted by their links to environmental effects that are to be taken into account under section 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), factors to be considered under section 19 of CEAA 2012, and potential adverse impacts of the project on potential or established Aboriginal and treaty rights protected by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Annex 2 of this letter contains recommendations related to regulatory or permitting preparations and actions that Treasury should consider moving forward. The Agency does not require that Treasury respond to the recommendations contained in Annex 2 as part of their response to IR #2.

Please note that IRs related to the human health risk assessment will follow shortly under separate cover (Annex 3). Furthermore, as Indigenous groups were given additional time to provide comments and questions, the Agency expects to submit additional IRs to Treasury, once the comments are received and reviewed (Annex 4).

This letter and all annexes collectively form the **second Information Request (IR #2)** and are developed based on technical questions arising from the review of Treasury's response to IR #1. In accordance with subsection 23(2) of *CEAA 2012*, the Agency requires that Treasury submit complete responses to the requests contained in IR #2.

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Registry provisions

In accordance with CEAA 2012, comments received and other documents submitted or generated to inform the EA are part of the project file. Accordingly, information submitted to the Agency that is relevant to the EA of the Project is available to the public upon request and may also be posted on the online public registry under reference number 80019. The Agency will remove information, such as home addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and signatures prior to public disclosure. Should you provide any documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should not be made public, please contact me directly.

Next Steps

The timeline is stopped as of July 06, 2018 and will not recommence until the Agency reviews the formal submission of the response to the IR #2 and is satisfied that responses are sufficiently complete to proceed with the EA.

As per the Agency's "Operational Policy Statement: Information Requests and Timelines, February 2016" (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/media-room/media-room-2016/information-requests-timelines.html>) the Agency will take up to a maximum of 15 days to complete the conformity review of Treasury's response to IR #2 without the timeline for the EA resuming. If the Agency has not come to a conclusion after 15 days, the timeline will resume.

The Agency is willing to meet with Treasury to discuss the path forward and schedule meetings on specific EA thematic areas with all government reviewers, Treasury and their consultants to clarify expectations for the IR responses.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly at 437-993-2243 or Goliath@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Marcelle Phaneuf
Project Manager

Attachments:

Annex 1 – Second Round of Information Requests for the Goliath Gold Project Environmental Impact Statement (IR #2)

Annex 2 – Regulatory Comments and Supplementary Actions for Consideration by the Proponent