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Julian Vincent-Smith  
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Dear Julian Vincent-Smith:

**Re: Environmental Assessment – Anaconda Mining Inc.  
Goldboro Gold Project, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed Goldboro Gold Project (the Project) in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(c) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined that a review of the information indicates that to better understand the potential for adverse effects or significant environmental effects a focus report is required.

During the EA review, it was determined that the registration document provided insufficient information to allow an assessment of potential impacts of the Project. Concerns were raised regarding the potential impacts of the Project on: soil, water resources, wetlands, flora and fauna, species at risk, fish and fish habitat, air quality, noise, human health, and contingency planning. These concerns were raised through public and Mi'kmaq submissions, as well as submissions by Nova Scotia Environment, Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry, Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Health Canada.

The focus report shall examine potential impacts of the Project and describe mitigation measures, monitoring plans and management plans related to: soil, water resources, wetlands, flora and fauna, species at risk, fish and fish habitat, air quality, noise, human health, acid rock drainage, hazardous materials, waste management, contaminated sites management and contingency planning. The EA Administrator will provide you with written terms of reference for the preparation of the focus report within 25 days and will inform you of additional seasonal studies required. These seasonal baseline studies are related to wildlife and wildlife habitat. Anaconda Mining Inc. will have up to one year to submit the required number of hard copies for distribution by the EA Branch, and an electronic copy of the focus report. The EA Branch will notify the public of the release of the focus report for review. There will be a 30-day public review period once the focus report has been released to the public.

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If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Helen MacPhail, Supervisor,  
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Sincerely,



Margaret Miller, MLA  
Minister of Environment

c: Helen MacPhail