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TO: Municipal Clerks

RE: Ministry Review of the Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Project
EA File No. 05-09-02/EAIMS No. 13102

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached is a Notice of Completion of Environmental Assessment Review for the proposed Rainy River Project. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has prepared this Review of the environmental assessment for public, Aboriginal and government comment, and is available at public viewing locations listed in the Notice and on the Ministry's website at <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/rainy-river-gold-mine>. However, this Review does not make a decision on the environmental assessment. The decision is made by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change after the comment period is over.

The Notice clarifies the procedures for making a submission or requesting a hearing on the Environmental Assessment or the Review with regard to this undertaking.

You will note that the expiry date for receipt, by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, of submissions or requirements for requesting a hearing under this Notice is October 24, 2014. After that time, you will be kept informed of the status of the EA and the Review until a final decision is made.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 416-314-8214 or by e-mail at sasha.mcleod@ontario.ca.

Please note that the proposed Rainy River Project is also undergoing a federal environmental assessment in order to meet the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* 2012. Any questions relating to the federal environmental assessment should be directed to Amy Liu, Project Manager at the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, at 416-952-1585 or by email at RainyRiver@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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*Note this is also a public viewing location for the Ministry Review report

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