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May 23, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Roy Avis
Township of Fort Frances

FROM: Cindy Batista
Project Officer
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RE: Rainy River Gold Mine Project
NOTICE OF APPROVAL
EA FILE NO. 05-09-02

Approval of the Terms of Reference for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment of the above-noted undertaking has now been granted, and a copy of the Notice of Approval is attached. All comments made were taken into consideration during the decision-making process.

Prior to approval, the proponent took a time-out to make amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Copies of the approved Terms of Reference can be obtained by contacting Mr. Kyle Stanfield, Vice President, Environmental & Sustainability, Rainy River Resources Ltd. at 1-807-623-1540, or by e-mail at kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com.

I would like to thank you for your assistance with the review of this Terms of Reference.

Sincerely,

Cindy Batista

Attachment

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SUBSECTION 6(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: Rainy River Resources Limited

Undertaking: Rainy River Gold Project

EA File No.: EA FILE NO. 05-09-02

As provided for by subsection 6(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act, the Amended Terms of Reference, as submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment on January 30, 2013 to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, is hereby approved with the following amendment:

1. The Amended Terms of Reference shall be further amended to include as part of the Amended Terms of Reference the errata letter dated February 22, 2013, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment from Rainy River Resources Limited. The errata letter shall form part of the Amended Terms of Reference.

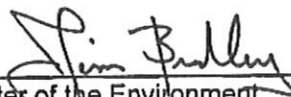
Reasons:

I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the Amended Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The Amended Terms of Reference ensures that the environmental assessment will be completed using a public, Aboriginal and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The Amended Terms of Reference ensures that the completed environmental assessment will contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of a reasonable range of alternatives and the proposed undertaking; and,

3. The Amended Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest.
4. There are no outstanding issues that have not adequately been addressed in the Amended Terms of Reference or can be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Dated the 1st day of May, 2013 at TORONTO.



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