



Date: Nov 30, 2016

File: 107461

MOUNT POLLEY MINING
CORPORATION
SUITE 200
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POLLUTION ABATEMENT ORDER AMENDMENT

I have reasonable grounds to believe that pollution is being caused in the receiving environment as a result of the tailings storage facility breach incident that occurred on August 4, 2014 at the Mount Polley Mine. The incident occurred from a property located approximately 7 kilometers southwest of Likely, BC and is legally described as Mineral Claim 514039, Cariboo Mining Division, Cariboo Land District, owned and/or operated by MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION (MPMC).

This order amends Order 107461 issued August 5, 2014 and last amended April 27 2016.

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Environmental Management Act, MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION is hereby ordered to comply with the following additional requirements:

1.0 Human Health Risk Assessment

Further to discussions this fall with Mt Polley Mining Corp. (MPMC) and consultants working on behalf of MPMC, Ministry of Environment and the Williams Lake and Soda Creek Indian Band's it has been determined that in order to allow for submission of a more comprehensive Human Health Risk Assessment the deadline for submission noted in a letter of July 15 2016 is hereby postponed from November 30 2016 to January 31, 2017. The requirement to complete a Human Health Risk Assessment is in partial fulfillment of Section 7 d) of Order107461.

2.0 Ecological Risk Assessment

Further to discussions this fall with Mt Polley Mining Corp. (MPMC) and consultants working on behalf of MPMC, Ministry of Environment and the Williams Lake and Soda Creek Indian Band's it has been determined that in order to allow for

submission of a more comprehensive Ecological Risk Assessment (including risk assessments for each of the impacted terrestrial and aquatic environments) the deadline for submission noted in a letter of July 15 2016 is hereby postponed from November 30 2016 to March 31, 2017. The requirement to complete a Ecological Risk Assessment is in partial fulfillment of Section 7 d) of Order 107461.

3.0 Reporting

Section 7 e) of this Order requires the weekly reporting to regulatory agencies on the implementation of measures outlined in the Action Plan originally submitted August 15 2016. Considering the reduced rate of change in conditions under the Action Plan this reporting requirement is hereby reduced to once per month by the end of each month.

4.0 Additional Provisions

- (a) Every requirement of this Order must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Director.
- (b) Subject to the conditions at the site, the Director may require additional action, as deemed necessary by the Director, to protect human health and the environment.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this order is a contravention of the *Environmental Management Act* and may result in legal action. I direct your attention to Section 120(10) of the *Environmental Management Act*, which reads:

“(10) A person who contravenes an order...that is given, made or imposed under this Act by a ...director...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$300 000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.”

Failure to comply with the requirements of this order may also result in an administrative penalty under the *Administrative Penalties Regulation (Environmental Management Act) (B.C. Reg 133/2014)* (Regulation). I direct your attention to Section 12(4) of the *Regulation*, which reads:

“(4) A person who fails to comply with an order under the [Environmental Management] Act is liable to an administrative penalty not exceeding \$40 000.”

This order does not authorize entry upon, crossing over, or use for any purpose of private or crown lands or works, unless and except as authorized by the owner of such lands or works. The responsibility for obtaining such authority rests with you. It is also your responsibility to ensure that all activities are carried out with due regard for the rights of third parties, and comply with other applicable legislation that may be in force, such as municipal bylaws relating to the discharge of waste to municipal storm or sanitary sewers.

This decision may be appealed to the Environmental Appeal Board in accordance with Part 8 of the *Environmental Management Act*. An appeal must be delivered within 30 days from the date notice is given. For further information, please contact the Environmental Appeal Board at (250) 387-3464.

If you have any questions, please call the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Hubert Bunce
for Director, Environmental Management Act
Environmental Protection Division

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