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Honourable Bill Bennett
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Dear Minister Bennett,

This correspondence is intended to provide two important clarifications with respect to my letter of August 18, 2015 which presented some of my thoughts with respect to tailings management facility (TMF) design related to best available technology (BAT). The August 18, 2015 letter does not suggest that the overall goal of moving to zero TMF failures, as stated in the Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review Panel Report, can be reconsidered. It must remain the overall target.

Lastly, the August 18, 2015 letter represents my observations and comments and does not represent the opinions of the other Panel members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dirk van Zyl".

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