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Via Email: <u>dreimer@mountpolley.com</u>

**Mount Polley Mining Corporation** Suite 200 580 Hornby St

Dear Mr. Reimer,

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## Re: Clarifying components of the Ministry's February 20, 2015 letter

The Ministry of Environment (ministry) has received verbal comments from Mount Polley Mining Corporation (MPMC) in response to the ministry's February 20, 2015 letter. In particular, MPMC has expressed concern over: 1) including the detailed site investigation in the post-event impact assessment report and how this affects the timeline on delivering this report; and 2) lack of clarity on whether the requirement for a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) will be expected in the post-event impact assessment report or later as part of Contaminated Sites Regulation components.

This letter is to provide further clarification to MPMC on the above comments.

With respect to comment 1, while aspects of the detailed site investigation are complimentary to the post-event impact assessment report, I am satisfied if MPMC does not include the detailed site investigation in the post-event impact assessment report provided that MPMC provides to the ministry by **March 31, 2015** a schedule with estimated dates for carrying out and reporting on the detailed site investigation, and subsequently, a remediation plan.

With respect to comment 2, the ministry would like information that is available and supports the HHRA and ERA to be provided in the post-event impact assessment report. Please provide in the annotated table of contents that is due **February 27, 2015** what information will be included in the post-event impact assessment report and what information may come later, such as part of a Contaminated Sites Regulation process.

Yours truly,

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