



January 31, 2018

File: 107461

Dale Reimer, Mine Manager
Mount Polley Mining Corporation
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Dear Mr. Reimer:

Re: Approval of the Ecological Risk Assessment

Pollution Abatement Order 107461 issued under the provisions of the *Environmental Management Act* required the submission of an Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) to the satisfaction of the director.

Mount Polley Mining Corporation submitted the final ERA document dated December 15, 2017. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) and the Williams Lake and Soda Creek Indian Bands conducted a detailed review of the ERA. The ERA was not found to be comprehensive with respect to all ecological risks; however, the ERA does document where uncertainties remain and where additional monitoring will be required as part of the Comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Plan.

Based on the results of the additional monitoring, I may require that the risks and conclusions of the ERA be re-evaluated; however, at this time, I am satisfied that the ERA fulfills the requirements of section 2.0 of Pollution Abatement Order 107461 and hereby approve the ERA.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Payette at Leslie.Payette@gov.bc.ca or at 250- 751-3183.

Yours truly

Douglas Hill, P.Eng.
Director, *Environmental Management Act*

cc: Aaron Higginbottom, Williams Lake Indian Band
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Lyn Anglin, Imperial Metals