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April 20, 2021

Re: Invitation to participate in the public comment period on the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for the Marathon Palladium Project

Dear Mohan Denetto,

The Joint Review Panel (the Panel) for the proposed Marathon Palladium Project (the Project) has announced the start of the public comment period on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Addendum submitted by Generation PGM Inc. The EIS Addendum is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry document [#727](#).

The EIS Addendum was submitted in two parts. On January 7, 2021, the Panel received the EIS Addendum, Volume 1, which includes chapters 1-4. The remaining chapters of the EIS Addendum were submitted to the Panel on April 16, 2021 as Volume 2. Now that the complete EIS Addendum is available, the Panel has initiated a 70-day public comment period ending on **June 27, 2021**.

The Panel requests the participation of Employment and Social Development Canada in the review of the EIS Addendum to ensure that sufficient information is available before proceeding to the public hearing. In particular, the Panel requests that Employment and Social Development Canada review the technical merit of the information contained in the EIS Addendum, and supporting documents, as measured against the EIS Guidelines and related to Employment and Social Development Canada's mandate and expertise.

If Employment and Social Development Canada is of the view that there is sufficient information to proceed to a public hearing, please advise the Panel. Otherwise, Employment and Social Development Canada is requested to identify what information is being requested using the format outlined in Appendix A. The Panel will determine if the EIS Addendum is sufficient to proceed to the public hearing based on its own review of the information and taking into consideration any comments that are received.

Any questions regarding the public comment period or any other aspect of the environmental assessment may be directed to Cindy Parker, Panel Co-Manager at <contact information removed> or iaac.marathonminereview-examenminemarathon.aeic@canada.ca

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Debra Sikora, Panel Chair

C.c. Laurie Bruce, Member
Gay Drescher, Member

Appendix A: Format for Information Requests

Issue #	Reference to EIS Guidelines or Panel Terms of Reference	Reference to EIS 2012, EIS Addendum 2021 and Original IR	Rationale	Information Request
<i>Number each issue consecutively</i>	<i>Provide the specific section(s) and page number(s) from the EIS Guidelines or the Panel's Terms of Reference of the information requirement</i>	<i>Provide the specific volume(s), section(s) and page number(s) from the EIS, of the information being referenced and provide a reference to the original IR from the Panel (if applicable)</i>	<i>Provide an explanation of the issue of concern or deficiency and include a rationale for why the stated deficiency is important for environmental assessment purposes clearly and concisely state the information</i>	<i>Clearly identify the information being requested: The proponent is to clarify, provide, discuss, describe etc.</i>