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Dear Mr. Patchell,

Please find attached hereto correspondence from Mr. Alain Bartleman in regards to the above.

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Dear Mr. Patchell,

Re: Requesting an Extension

Events of the past few days have called into question Biigtigong Nishnaabeg's ability to provide its written submissions to the Joint Review Panel ("Panel") by the deadline of February 25th. I have been instructed to request an extension of 14 days, until the 11th of March, to provide our written submissions regarding the proposed Marathon Palladium Project (the "Project").

The reason for the request is as follows:

Unforeseen circumstances have recently arisen that require Biigtigong Nishnaabeg to re-evaluate its assessment of the Project. Among these circumstances recent information involving the predicted impacts of the Project upon the established and asserted Aboriginal rights of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and other communities.

To be clear, and as the proponent has acknowledged, the resources associated with the Project are located entirely within Biigtigong Nishnaabeg's exclusive Aboriginal title territory.

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg wishes to ensure that adequate time is provided for its Chief and Council of to decide on an appropriate course of action that will allow the community to aid the Panel in discharging its obligations under the Amended Joint Review Panel Agreement and Terms of Reference, and section 43 of CEAA 2012.

Accordingly, we are requesting a delay of two weeks to allow for Biigtigong Nishnaabeg to amend and submit its written submissions.

With Respect,

NAHWEGAHBOW CORBIERE

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