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To the Joint Review Panel of the Marathon Palladium Project

Subject: Participation of Employment and Social Development Canada in the Public Hearings for the Marathon Palladium Project.

ESDC would like to thank you for your invitation to participate in the public hearings that are scheduled on the Marathon Palladium Project.

The purpose of this letter is to outline to the Joint Review Panel (JRP) what role Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) intends to take regarding the upcoming public hearings on the Marathon Palladium Project, scheduled from March 14th to April 14th, 2022. ESDC has a mandate to build a stronger and more inclusive Canada by helping Canadians live productive and rewarding lives and to improve Canadians' quality of life. In order to achieve its objectives as a Federal government agency, ESDC develops and delivers programs and services to all Canadians by doing some of the following:

- Developing policies that ensure Canadians can use their talents, skills and resources to participate in learning, work and their community;
- Helping Canadians with distinct needs such as Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, homeless people, travelers and recent immigrants;
- Delivering programs and services on behalf of other departments and agencies.

A representative of ESDC will be participating in the public hearings of the Marathon Palladium Project on the days related to socio-economic impacts, based on the agenda. ESDC has registered to participate in the public hearings for the Marathon Palladium Project and it will appear in conjunction with the Crown Consultation Team, which is led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF). ESDC is adopting this approach since it will not be providing to the JRP a separate written submission and presentation on the Marathon Palladium Project but will instead contribute to the Crown Consultation Team written submission and presentation to the JRP.

ESDC will also address any questions raised through out the duration of the Marathon Palladium Project public hearings that are relevant to its mandate through written undertakings to the JRP.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding ESDC's approach to participating in the public hearings for the Marathon Palladium Project, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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