

**JOINT REVIEW PANEL
MARATHON PGM-Cu MINE PROJECT**

January 29, 2014

Ms. Tabatha Leblanc
Environmental Manager
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Dear Ms. Leblanc,

On January 27, 2014, the Panel received a joint letter from the Lake Superior Binational Forum, Environment North, Northwatch and MiningWatch Canada regarding certain comments made on January 21, 2014 by Mr. Mick McMullen, president and CEO of Stillwater Mining Company¹. The letter included a media article dated January 23, 2014 from Northern Ontario Business.

In the letter, Lake Superior Binational Forum, Environment North, Northwatch and MiningWatch Canada express concerns regarding the company's plans for the Marathon PGM-Cu Mine project (the Project) over the next three years. In particular, the letter highlights the statements made by Mr. McMullen in the attached article regarding a "strategic review" being undertaken for the Project, and the preparation of an updated feasibility study. The letter also raises concerns regarding whether the updated feasibility study could affect information that has been filed on the need for the Project and the socio-economic effects of the Project. In the letter, the groups express concerns that it may be premature to start the public hearing prior to a determination from the proponent that the project is feasible.

The Panel requests that Stillwater Canada Inc. provide its views on the concerns expressed in the letter from Lake Superior Binational Forum, Environment North, Northwatch and MiningWatch Canada. It is requested that SCI provide this information by 12:00 pm EST on Friday, January 30, 2014.

Respectfully,

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Lesley Griffiths
Panel Chair

¹ CEAR Doc #673