June 6, 2013

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Sent by e-mail: Shelley.Murphy@gov.bc.ca

Subject: New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project – Review of Proponent’s Responses to Supplemental Information Requests

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Federal Review Panel (the Panel) for the proposed New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project (the Project) has received the responses to the supplemental information requests issued to Taseko Mines Limited (the Proponent) on March 28, 2013. The responses were received on June 6, 2013 and are available on the project registry at:  

The Panel is initiating a 10-day public comment period on the responses provided by the Proponent. In relation to responses that are relevant to the provincial departments’ expertise and mandate, the Panel requests departments’ comments on the adequacy and technical merit of the additional information submitted by the Proponent as measured against the EIS Guidelines.

The Panel will determine if the EIS is sufficient to proceed to public hearing based on its own review of the additional information and on its review of the comments received. If the Panel determines the EIS, supplemented by the additional information, is insufficient to proceed to public hearing, it will ask the Proponent to provide further information in the necessary areas. If the Panel determines it has sufficient information to proceed to public hearing, a public notice will be issued 30 days before the commencement of the hearing.

The Panel will consider all written comments received by June 16, 2013. Departmental comments can be forwarded by e-mail to NewProsperityReview@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Any questions regarding this consultation period may be addressed to Livain Michaud, Panel Manager, at (613) 948-1359, or at NewProsperityReview@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.
Sincerely,

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Bill Ross
Chair

c.c.: Mr. David Morel, Assistant Deputy Minister, Mines and Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Energy and Mines
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Mr. Charles Porter, Assistant Deputy Minister, Negotiations and Regional Operation Division, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation