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# Appendix 2.3A Order Under Section 10

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT S.B.C. 2002, c.43  
(ACT)**

**AND**

**AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED  
BLACKWATER GOLD PROJECT  
(PROPOSED PROJECT)**

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 10(1)(c)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. New Gold Inc. (Proponent) proposes to develop an open pit gold and silver mine with a production capacity of 60,000 tonnes per day, located approximately 110 km south of Vanderhoof, British Columbia.
- B. The proposed Project constitutes a reviewable project pursuant to Part 3 of the Reviewable Projects Regulation (B.C. Reg. 370/02), since the proposed Project would have a production capacity of greater than or equal to 75,000 tonnes per year of mineral ore.
- C. The Executive Director has delegated to the undersigned powers and functions under the Act, including the power to issue Orders under section 10 of the Act.
- D. The Executive Project Director considers that the proposed Project may have a potential significant adverse environmental, economic, social, heritage or health effect, taking into account practical means of preventing or reducing to an acceptable level any potential adverse effects of the proposed Project.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

Pursuant to section 10(1)(c) of the Act, the Executive Project Director orders that:

- (i) the proposed Project requires an environmental assessment certificate; and,
- (ii) the Proponent may not proceed with the proposed Project without an assessment.



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Executive Project Director  
Environmental Assessment Office

Dated November 5, 2012