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# Appendix 2.4A Project Determination Letters



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Agency File No.: 005361

Mr. Tim Bekhuys  
New Gold Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Bekhuys:

**Re: Project Description for the Proposed Blackwater Gold Project  
(the Project) New Gold Inc.**

On October 24, 2012, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received a project description for the **Blackwater Gold Project**. The Agency has determined that the Project meets the definition of a designated project under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and that the project description submitted by **New Gold Inc.** meets the requirements of the *Prescribed Information for a Description of a Designated Project Regulations*.

The Agency will now conduct a 45-day review of the project description, which includes a 20-day public comment period on a summary of the project description, to determine whether an environmental assessment of the Project is required. During this process, the Agency will examine whether the Project may cause adverse environmental effects as defined in CEAA 2012. You will be notified by **December 20, 2012** as to whether an environmental assessment is required for the Project.

Should you require additional information, I can be contacted at ((604) 666-3688 or [Garett.Cooper@ceaa-acee.gc.ca](mailto:Garett.Cooper@ceaa-acee.gc.ca)).

Sincerely,

Garett Cooper  
Project Manager, Pacific & Yukon Region

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## Notice of Environmental Assessment Determination

Ottawa – December 21, 2012 - The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) commenced an environmental assessment for the Blackwater Gold Project located near Vanderhoof, British Columbia.

The Agency determined on December 20, 2012 that a federal environmental assessment is required for the Blackwater Gold Project pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012)

In making this determination, the Agency considered the following factors as indicated in Section 10 of CEAA 2012:

the description of the Project provided by the proponent,  
the possibility that the carrying out of the Project may cause adverse environmental effects,  
any comments received from the public within 20 days, and  
the results of any relevant study conducted by a committee established under section 73 or 74 of CEAA 2012.

For further information on this environmental assessment, please contact:

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