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Dear Mr. Hallman:

I am writing to you to request substitution pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012* (CEA Act 2012) and our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Substitution of Environmental Assessments (2013).

In accordance with section 3 of the MOU, British Columbia requests substitution for the environmental assessment of the proposed Ruddock Creek Mine Project (proposed Project) under CEA Act 2012. The proposed Project is a new underground lead-zinc mine located north of Kamloops in central BC. If substitution is approved by Minister Aglukkaq, British Columbia commits to fulfill the conditions for substitution under CEA Act 2012 in accordance with section 4 of the MOU.

In addition, should Minister Aglukkaq request that British Columbia undertake procedural delegation of Aboriginal consultation for the proposed Project, British Columbia would be prepared to undertake that responsibility in accordance with section 5 and the Annex of the MOU.

The project proposed by Ruddock Creek Mining Corporation (Proponent) is reviewable under the British Columbia *Reviewable Projects Regulation* (BC Reg. 720/02) and a section 10 Order has been issued requiring the Proponent to undergo a provincial environmental assessment.

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I understand that a Project Description for the proposed Project has been submitted to the agency. I am aware that the agency must first accept the Project Description and determine whether a federal environmental assessment is required before it can respond to this request for substitution.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible regarding Minister Aglukkaq's decision on this request for substitution.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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