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ELECTRONIC MAIL

Chief Ouray Crowfoot
Siksika Nation
c/o BFeltmate@jfkllaw.ca

Dear Chief Crowfoot,

Thank you for your letter dated March 2, 2021 (received March 5, 2021), requesting that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) designate the Tent Mountain Mine Redevelopment Project (the Project) proposed by Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd. under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

Under subsection 9(1) of IAA the Minister may by order, designate a physical activity that is not prescribed in the *Physical Activities Regulations*. The Minister may do this, if, in the Minister's opinion, the physical activity may cause adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or adverse direct or incidental effects (resulting from federal decisions), or public concerns related to those effects warrant the designation. In accordance with subsection 9(4) of IAA, it is expected that the Minister will respond to your request, with reasons, by June 1, 2021.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) will review information about the Project; any concerns expressed from the public and Indigenous groups of which the Agency is aware; expert advice from federal authorities; and input from provincial ministries in order to inform the Minister on whether the Project should be designated. If designated, to proceed with the Project, Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd. would be required to submit an Initial Project Description, thereby commencing the planning phase of IAA. In that case, the planning phase would include the Agency determining whether a federal impact assessment is required.

Additional information regarding the process for designation requests can be found at the following link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/designating-project-impact-assessment-act.html>.

In the coming days, a Registry page for the Project will be available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/>. If you wish to provide further information to the Agency regarding this file please submit the information via email to the Agency's Prairie and Northern Regional Office at iaac.pnr-rpn.aeic@canada.ca or directly to Greg Bosse at greg.bosse@canada.ca.

Thank you for the information already provided to the Agency. If you would like to discuss this information or provide further information or concerns please contact Greg Bosse by telephone or email (<personal information removed> or Greg.Bosse@canada.ca). In particular the Agency is interested in any additional information you would wish to share regarding:

1. Whether and how the potential adverse effects of the Project could result in changes to your community's:
 - (a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)
 - (b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)
 - (c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)
2. Whether and how the Project may result in changes to your community's health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, access to goods and services, economic development, access to health-care services).

Important Note: All records produced, collected or received in relation to the designation request process – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* or *Privacy Act* – are considered public and may be released. If you have provided any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency as soon as possible. The Agency does not accept information marked as confidential without prior contact.

Further questions regarding the Project and this analysis can be directed to Greg Bosse by telephone or email (<personal information removed> or Greg.Bosse@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

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