



By Email
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Dear Christal:

Re: Request to Align Assessment Processes for the Baptiste Nickel Project

We appreciate the coordinated work to date by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) during the ongoing Planning Phase of the federal assessment for the Baptiste Nickel Project as well as adherence to the time limit regulations, including;

- the coordinated review of the Initial Project Description, submitted given the proposed mill throughput (average processing rate of 162,000 tonnes of ore per day) exceeds thresholds within the *Physical Activities Regulation* for a new metal mine;
- publication of the Joint Summary (April 20, 2026) applying standard mitigations and consideration of existing regulatory process; and
- the determination that a federal Impact Assessment is required (June 4, 2026).

To support the ongoing assessment planning aligning federal and provincial regulatory processes including affirming how First Nations, as identified in the Joint Summary, will be involved in the assessment, we are requesting suspension of the federal Planning Phase. A request to resume the federal timeline will be made following additional discussions with First Nations. This request is made pursuant to section 2 of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*.

We look forward to further dialogue on the implementation of agreements between Canada and British Columbia: the [2019 EA Cooperation Agreement](#) and the [2025 Commitment Statement on Permitting for Critical Mineral Projects](#). We note the [request for substitution](#) of the environmental assessment by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) (January 14, 2026) in achieving a ‘one project, one review’ and implementing an efficient and robust assessment process.



Following review, please confirm acceptance of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

<Original signed by>

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Cc: Katherine St James, A/Executive Project Director, BC Environmental Assessment Office