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Subject: Health Canada's comments on the conformity review of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project

Dear Shauna O'Brien:

Thank you for your email dated May 20, 2021 requesting Health Canada's comments on the conformity review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by Joyce Direct Iron Inc. (the Proponent) for the Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project. Health Canada participates in environmental assessments as a federal authority under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Health Canada makes available specialist or expert information or knowledge in its possession to review panels and responsible authorities, among others.

The objective of this review was to determine whether the EIS conforms with the requirements of the EIS Guidelines as they relate to Health Canada's mandate. Health Canada has reviewed the EIS and provided comments in Annexes 1 and 2 for your consideration. In general, they pertain to the project-related impacts to human health in the areas of air quality, noise, groundwater and surface water quality, country foods, and human health risk assessment.

Should you have any questions regarding Health Canada's comments, please feel free to contact me at jeffrey.reader@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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Attached: Joyce Lake Conformity Review – HC Comments Annexes 1 and 2.pdf