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Sent by email

Chief Sheri Taylor
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Dear Chief Sheri Taylor:

**Subject: Advance invitation to comment on proposed changes to the
Hardrock Gold Mine Project and Decision Statement**

On November 28th, 2023, Greenstone Gold Mines (the Proponent) informed the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) of their proposed changes to the Hardrock Gold Mine Project (the Project) as per condition 2.14 of the [Decision Statement](#) (issued on December 10, 2012 and amended on February 10, 2021).

The Agency invites your comments on the proposed changes to the Project and the Decision Statement by July 10, 2024.

Proposed Changes to the Project

The Proponent expanded the Project Development Area (PDA) by 6.46 hectares to accommodate a temporary by-pass channel that will divert flows around the Goldfield Creek Diversion (GFCD) channel allowing for the re-design and remediation of the failed channel. The temporary by-pass channel is regarded as a temporary feature, with an estimated in-service life of 5 years. It will remain in active service until the GFCD channel has been restored, vegetated, and is considered stable enough to receive flow.

Request for Comments

The Agency prepared a draft Analysis Report that includes draft proposed changes to the Decision Statement (see Enclosure 1) and invites Ginoogaming First Nation to review and provide comments on the proposed changes to the Decision Statement and the Agency's draft Analysis Report during the 21-day comment period from June 19, 2024 to July 10, 2024. The Agency would appreciate receiving your comments via email at conditions@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or [online](#) by July 10, 2024.

The draft Analysis Report with proposed changes to the Decision Statement can also be found on the Agency's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site at: [Hardrock Gold Mine Project](#).



The Agency understands the Proponent engaged with Ginoogaming First Nation about the proposed changes. The Agency included the Proponent's summary of the comments received by Indigenous communities in the draft Analysis Report.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Information that you provide to the Agency is part of the public record and can only be kept confidential in specific circumstances. Should Ginoogaming First Nation have any documents that contain sensitive information that should not be public, please contact the Agency before providing the documents to discuss whether and how, the information can be protected.

Please contact me at 613-218-5449 or conditions@iaac-aeic.gc.ca if you have any questions regarding the proposed changes to the Decision Statement for the Project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

1. Draft analysis report for the amendments to Hardrock Gold Mine Project
2. Draft amended Decision Statement for Hardrock Gold Mine Project
3. Final project change submission by Greenstone Gold Mines

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