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Dear Jeff Fountain:

Re: Vale Canada Ltd. – Environment Act Licence No. 960VC – Notice of Alteration

Thank you for your March 3, 2022 notice of alteration and March 7, 2022 additional information.

The alteration is for the

- decommissioning of the existing copper ponds #5 and #6;
- treatment of pond soluble nickel from the ponds with discharge to the tailings management area; and
- removal, treatment, and sale of residual solids product.

Your request states that decommissioning the copper ponds will provide an environmental improvement at the site as seepage has been observed and that you will continue to meet effluent discharge parameters from the tailings management area.

The potential environmental effect of the alteration to the Development as Licensed is insignificant and considered to be a minor alteration in accordance with Section 14(2) of The Environment Act. I approve the decommissioning of copper ponds #5 and #6 and associated treatment methods as described in your March 3, 2022 and March 7, 2022 submissions.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Winsor, P.Eng., Senior Environmental Engineer, at Jennifer.Winsor@gov.mb.ca or at 204-945-7012.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed by

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Director

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