

## Sustainable Development

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Mr. Lyle Safronetz Vale Canada Inc. P.O. Box 5000 Thompson, MB R8N 1P3

Dear Mr. Safronetz:

## Re: Vale Canada Incorporated – Environment Act Licence No. 960VC

Thank you for your July 4, 2019 letter requesting an extension to the temporary rail trial for the transportation of nickel concentrate from the Thompson facility.

Specifically, the request is to extend the rail trial until October 31, 2019, or onset of inclement weather, at a rate of approximately 10 rail cars per week.

The potential environmental effect of the requested change to the Development as Licensed is insignificant and considered to be a minor alteration in accordance with Section 14(2) of The Environment Act. Approval is hereby granted for the deadline extension for the temporary rail trial as described in the July 4, 2019 submission.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Winsor, P.Eng. at 204-945-7012.

Yours sincerely,

Cordella Friesen

Director

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