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April 1, 2016 Ms. Tracey Braun, M.Sc. Director, Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship 123 Main Street, Suite 160 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1A5

Dear Ms. Braun,

Regarding:

Tantalum Mining Corporation of Canada, Limited Environmental Act License No. 973 Amendment to the Notice of Alteration – Cable Bolting Project

Cabot Corporation (Cabot) is writing to notify you of an amendment to our Notice of Alteration for the Cable Bolting Project as per our communication on December 9, 2015. As you are aware, the Cable Bolting Project is to help secure and improve the stability of the Fall of Ground (FOG) area of the mine under Bernic Lake. The purpose of this undertaking is to improve the safety of the mine and secure potential future extraction of the remaining Pollucite ore from the mining zone identified as the East Zone (Project East) in the long term, at the Tantalum Mining Corporation of Canada, Limited (TANCO) Mine near Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba.

In our Notice of Alteration we were specific in regards to the number of bolts we want to install. As the feasibility design has been completed it was determined that the number of bolts required will increase from 96 to 130. The area of installation will remain exactly the same, but the density of bolts will increase from a 3 m x3 m pattern to a 2.5 m x 2.5 m pattern. The increase in number and density is not due to Cabot being more concerned about the crown pillar, as a matter of fact, we feel more confident about the stability.

Therefore, we are amending our request for the minor alteration to Manitoba *Environment Act* License No. 973 to include the adjusted number of cable bolts required and the density of the installations as part of the Cable Bolting Project that will be needed to support continued operation of the mine.

AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) has conducted an environmental review of the amended number of bolts required and the increase in the density of installations and in their opinion, the environmental impact of this additional work will be negligible if the practices defined are incorporated and followed in the original Notice of Alteration.



We look forward to hearing from you with any comments you may have regarding this project, and we would be pleased to provide any other information that you may require.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tantalum Mining Corporation of Canada, Limited.

Wentzel Coetzer Facility General Manager Encl. mh:WC