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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 - Notice of Alteration - Environment Act Licence No. 960VC

Receipt of your August 29, 2019 submission is acknowledged as a notice of alteration in accordance with Section 14 of The Environment Act.

The requested change to the Development as Licensed is to transport concentrate material from the Concentrate Load Out Facility exclusively by rail rather than truck haulage.

Specifically, the request is to modify the existing on-site shear shed for nickel concentrate staging and loading to rail cars for the shipping of material by rail to Sudbury, Ontario. This request follows the successful rail trial which was completed earlier this year.

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 site modifications and rail transportation of concentrate material as described in the August 29, 2019 submission.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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