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Jeff Fountain Vale Canada Ltd. P.O. Box 5000 Thompson MB R8N 1P3

Dear Jeff Fountain:

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

Receipt of your June 8, 2021 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 the decommissioning of the existing copper pond #4. Specifically, the decommissioning of the copper pond includes removal of the filtrate and solid material from copper pond #4 as well as solids material from copper pond #6 and associated works including the treatment and sale of the resulting treated product. The information provided states that the decommissioning of the copper pond will provide an environmental improvement at the site as seepage has occurred at the copper pond site.

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 decommissioning of copper pond #4 as described in your June 8, 2021 submission.

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

Yours sincerely, Originally Signed by Siobhan Burland Ross

for Shannon Kohler Director Environment Act

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