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Mr. Dave McDonald Vale, Manitoba Operations P.O. Box 5000 Thompson, MB R8N 1P3

Dear Mr. McDonald:

## Re: Vale - Environment Act Licence No. 960VC – T3 Fuel Delivery System – Notice of Alteration

Receipt of your April 6, 2015 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 construct a new surface to ground fuel delivery system at the T3 Mine. The new fuel delivery system includes the installation of a 75,000 L bulk diesel tank and 4,546 L batch diesel tank at surface, piping routed from surface to the 3600 level underground, two 4,546 L fuel tanks located underground and new pumps, valves and other appurtenances.

The environmental effects evaluation conducted by Vale and presented in the submission concludes that no significant environmental effects would result due to the proposed changes to the Development.

In accordance with the *Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products Regulation* (M.R. 188/2001), a licensed petroleum technician is required to conduct the installation of the fuel tanks under the authority of a permit to construct. Vale is required to obtain all necessary permits prior to beginning construction of the proposed work.

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*. The request for the installation and operation of the new surface to ground fuel delivery system as described in the April 6, 2015 submission is hereby approved.

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

Yours sincerely,

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