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Mr. Dave McDonald
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Re: Vale Canada Limited – Environment Act Licence No. 960VC – Notice of Alteration – T3 Mine and Orica Power Lines

Receipt of your August 29, 2016 submission and October 17, 2016 additional information is acknowledged as a notice of alteration in accordance with Section 14 of *The Environment Act*.

The requested changes to the Development as Licensed are the relocation of a portion of the T3 Mine power line, demolition of the existing deteriorating T3 Mine power line, refurbishment of a section of the Orica power line and the installation of new power lines to connect to the existing Birchtree power line.

The information provided states that the overhead lines that currently provide power to the T3 Mine and Orica explosives plant were inspected and were identified to be in an advanced state of degradation and require immediate attention.

The potential environmental effect of the requested changes 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 proposed alteration as described in the August 29, 2016 submission and October 17, 2016 additional information and subject to the following conditions:

1. The Licencee shall carry out construction or decommissioning activities within wetlands only during frozen ground conditions; and
2. The Licencee shall decommission and rehabilitate any access routes created in association with construction or decommissioning activities.

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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