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David Webb
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Sent via email

Dear David Webb:

Re: New Discovery Mines Ltd. – Mon Gold Project – Management Plans

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB or the Board) met on September 23, 2021 and reviewed New Discovery Mines Ltd. (NDM) management plans as follows: Waste Rock Management and Geochemical Characterization Plan (dated July 2021) (Plan), Groundwater and Water Management Plan Dated (July 2021), and the Structure Description and Construction Plan – Waste Rock, Ore Stockpile, and Roads (Dated June 2021). These Plans have been denied, again, for reasons explained in the respective denial letters, along with specific directives from the Board¹.

Board staff routinely work with proponents to ensure the review process is as timely as possible. This includes technical reviews on the Board's behalf, as well as, review and analysis of comments raised by other reviewers, and finally the responses of the proponent. This requires comparing conflicting points of view, seeking potential resolution, and making recommendations for the Board to consider along with the evidence on the record for its decision making.

Board staff have spent considerable time reviewing the NDM Plans and proposing suggestions to help improve the Plans to meet the applicable standards and guidelines that the Board operates under. These suggestions have been based not only on the best assessment of Board staff but also the comments and recommendations of reviewing parties. We find that this has not resulted in improvements or acceptable updates to the NDM Plans.

¹ Board Decision Letters: [Groundwater and Water Management Plan](#), [Waste Rock Management and Geochemical Characterization Plan](#), and [Structure Description and Construction Plan – Waste Rock, Ore Stockpile, and Trails](#).

As a consequence of the ongoing inadequacies with the NDM Plans, the Board has directed staff to organize a technical workshop for parties and NDM to discuss outstanding issues. These workshops allow for informal, but focused, discussion, with the goal of clarifying concerns and resolving differing views of the reviewers and proponent. These workshops have proven successful for numerous projects and lead to better understanding both for the proponent as well as interveners.

Board staff remain committed to assisting to improve these Plans to acceptable standards, will facilitate a workshop with reviewers, and can provide guidance and advice. There are however substantive updates to these three Plans that will require significant effort before resubmission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Hotson at (867) 766-7459 or email chotson@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mavis Cli-Michaud', written in a cursive style.

Mavis Cli-Michaud
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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