



Conservation and Water Stewardship

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Mr. Dave McDonald
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Re: Vale - Environment Act Licence No. 960 VC – Notice of Alteration

It has come to my attention that an alteration to the Development as Licensed, specifically the construction and utilization of air vent raises, has occurred at the mine site without the submission of a notice of alteration to the Environmental Approvals Branch of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

The submission of a notice of alteration is required in accordance with Section 14 of *The Environment Act* such that a review of the potential environmental effects resulting from the proposed change may be evaluated. Approval of the proposed alteration must be received prior to implementing the change to the Development.

A significant number of noise complaints have been received from the public, resulting from the use of the air vent raises. The noise resulting from the Development is considered a pollutant under *The Environment Act*. In addition to the notice of alteration, Vale is required to submit a comprehensive noise abatement plan for the Development.

Submission of the notice of alteration and the comprehensive noise abatement plan are required on or before July 25, 2014.

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

Yours truly,

“original signed by”

Tracey Braun, M.Sc.
Director
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