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Jasmin Dobson
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By Email: jdobson@fuertemetals.com

**Re: Coffee Gold Quartz Mining License Application, Information Request 5b - Detailed
Review: Phase 4**

Dear Ms. Dobson,

On February 27, 2026, Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) issued Information Request 5 associated with Phase 4 of the Coffee Gold Quartz Mining License application (the “application”), specifically relating the Heritage Resource Protection Plan (HRPP).

Following additional review, and in consideration of remaining technical comments submitted during consultation, MRB has identified supplemental items requiring clarification or revision. These additional requests, included in Information Request 5b (attached) are necessary to complete the review of the HRPP.

If any of the information requested is not available or deemed unnecessary by Fuerte Metals, a response with expected timelines or rationale for its exclusion is required.

Once you have taken the time to consider the contents of this letter and its attachments, please confirm your estimated timeline for response. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at andrea.kenward@yukon.ca or 867-456-3830.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: Information Request 5b - Detailed Review: Phase 4

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The Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) has completed further review of the Heritage Resource Protection Plan, submitted as part of Fuerte Metals' Quartz Mining License application (the "application") for the Coffee Gold Mine. The Heritage Resource Protection Plan is intended to outline the policies and procedures for identifying, reporting and protecting historic resources and cultural values.

In addition to the items outlined in IR5 (February 27, 2026), MRB requests the following updates and clarifications to address remaining comments and to ensure regulatory completeness.

1. Heritage Resource Protection Plan

IR5b-1: Provide clear definitions of "avoidance" and "no impact" as used in the HRPP, including the criteria used to determine when an activity is considered to avoid or have no impact on a heritage resource. Define buffers and the operational restrictions associated with each term.

IR5b-2: Define the mitigation hierarchy that will be implemented for high-risk heritage sites. This should include, at minimum:

- a. avoidance;
- b. redesign or micro siting;
- c. cultural documentation;
- d. systematic data recovery; and
- e. offsets.

IR5b-3: Submit an updated chance finds protocol that includes:

- a. stop-work radius and immediate protection measures;
- b. notification sequence, including timelines and roles for affected First Nations;
- c. documentation standards; and
- d. restart criteria and authority.

Additionally, confirm roles and responsibilities for initiating stop-work, issuing regulatory notifications, approving mitigation plans, and authorizing restart of work. Include a dedicated procedure for suspected human remains, outlining legal notification requirements, expanded buffers, location security, confidentiality and documentation protocols.

IR5b-4: Define monitoring triggers (e.g., proximity to heritage buffers, high potential terrain), inspection frequency during periods of active disturbance (e.g. clearing, grubbing, excavation), and documentation requirements (e.g. GPS tags, photo logs, QA/QC).

IR5b-5: in addition to requests associated with IR5-6.

IR5b-6: In addition to requests associated with IR5-6, describe how sensitive spatial, photographic, and descriptive information regarding heritage sites will be managed, including:

- a. secure storages and access controls;
- b. internal versus public versions of materials; and
- c. generalization of sensitive locations in public filings.

IR5b-7: Clarify how heritage site KfV/k-1 will maintain avoidance as the primary mitigation, including:

- a. additional site documentation to be completed prior to and during construction of the heap leach facility;
- b. protocols to be implemented should encroachment risk not be fully resolved; and
- c. any additional engineering, monitoring, or access control measures needed to ensure continued avoidance.