



April 22, 2026

Jasmin Dobson
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Coffee Mine Project

By Email: jdobson@fuertemetals.com

Re: Coffee Gold Quartz Mining License Application, Information Request 6 - Detailed Review: Phase 4

Dear Ms. Dobson,

On May 21, 2025, Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) sent Newmont Corporation a letter confirming that the Coffee Gold Quartz Mining License Application (the “application”) had been deemed completed and was ready to proceed to Detailed Review and consultation with affected First Nations.

The Detailed Review of the application is following a phased approach, separating the documents into six distinct phases. MRB is engaging Yukon government interdepartmental working groups, an external consultant Core Geoscience Services, and affected First Nations to review the application. During the review of Phase 4 application, it was identified that additional clarification, supporting data, and/or revisions are required to ensure compliance with relevant Yukon legislation, policies and guidelines as well as the integration of Decision Document terms and conditions and Proponent Commitments relevant to a quartz mining license.

The requests made in Information Request 6 (attached) are pertinent to our ability to complete the review of the application. If the information requested is not available or deemed unnecessary by Fuerte, a response with expected timelines or rationale for its exclusion is required.

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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 myself or Andrea Kenward at andrea.kenward@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Nordling', with a stylized, cursive script.

Monica Nordling

A/Manager, Major Mines Licensing

CC: Jennie Gjertsen, Fuerte Metals Corporation
Katie Fraser, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Odin Miller, White River First Nation
Tanya Harrison, Selkirk First Nation

Enclosed: Information Request 6 - Detailed Review: Phase 4

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The Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) has completed a detailed review of the Socio-Economic Management and Monitoring Plan (SEMP), submitted as part of Fuerte Metals' Quartz Mining License application (the "application") for the Coffee Gold Mine. The objective of the SEMP is to outline the importance of socio-economic values in relation to quartz mining projects and identify how these values will be monitored and reported on.

The SEMP is also a critical instrument for implementing and monitoring the socio-economic terms and conditions of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) Decision Document. Yukon government notes that the submitted SEMP functions largely as a framework document and does not yet provide sufficient specificity to demonstrate how commitments, monitoring programs, adaptive management, governance, and regulatory accountability will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.

Yukon government requests that the Proponent update the SEMP. The following information requests outline required revisions and clarifications. Timely submission of all requested information is essential to avoid delays in the regulatory review process. Updated plans must include a concordance table demonstrating how Decision Document terms and conditions and proponent commitments have been met and indicate how and where information requirements have been addressed.

1. General Application Comments

The following comments and requirements apply broadly to multiple plans and reports submitted as part of the Coffee Gold application. These updates are necessary to ensure compliance with Yukon legislation, guidance, and best practices.

1.1. Corporate

Numerous sections of the management plans reference "Newmont Global Corporate Standards" and other corporate-specific commitments, procedures, and roles that are not considered sufficiently detailed for this stage of the regulatory review. In addition, with the recent change in ownership from Newmont Corporation to Fuerte Metals, all submitted management plans must reflect the new corporate structure, governance framework, and operational accountabilities.

Accordingly, Yukon government requests that the Proponent undertake the following updates. In recognition that the remaining plans associated with subsequent phases of the application

review have already been submitted, Yukon government will issue corresponding information requests for those phases, as appropriate, to ensure consistency across all management plans.

- IR6-1:** Replace all references to Newmont Corporation - including corporate standards, policies, procedures, commitments, governance documents, and internal reporting structures - with those of Fuerte Metals, where applicable.
- IR6-2:** Revise and update all roles and responsibilities to reflect Fuerte Metals' organizational structure, including:
 - a. operational and managerial roles,
 - b. environmental, health, and safety roles,
 - c. senior management oversight, and
 - d. corporate-level accountability or decision-making processes.
- IR6-3:** Provide complete descriptions of all corporate standards, guidelines, or procedures proposed for implementation at the Project. Yukon government reiterates that references to a company's "global standards" or "corporate requirements" without detailed description of the specific standard are insufficient. Where appropriate, each plan must clearly identify:
 - a. the source and version of any standard applied,
 - b. the key requirements or performance criteria relevant to the plan,
 - c. how the standard will be implemented, monitored, and audited at the site level, and
 - d. any associated training, documentation, or reporting processes.
- IR6-4:** Identify and justify any changes to commitments or management approaches that result from the transition to Fuerte Metals ownership. If changes to methodologies, risk management processes, or monitoring programs are proposed, provide rationale and describe how these changes remain consistent with the scope of the assessment, regulatory requirements and best practice.

1.2. Yukon Guidance Material

The activities proposed in a Quartz Mining License application must adhere to all relevant Yukon legislation and policies and consider Yukon-specific guidance. The Socio-Economic Management and Monitoring Plan does not currently align with the structure, content, and development expectations set out in applicable Yukon guidance. As a result, the Plan is difficult to review for completeness and compliance with established requirements.

Where guidance or standards from other jurisdictions are proposed in place of Yukon-specific guidance, please provide a clear and project-specific rationale demonstrating that the

alternative guidance will maintain or improve upon mitigation measures relative to Yukon requirements.

- IR6-5:** Provide a concordance table demonstrating how the Socio-Economic Management and Monitoring Plan aligns with the [Guidelines for socio-economic monitoring and reporting plans](#), including where and how all applicable guideline requirements have been addressed. Where requirements are not applicable or have been addressed through alternative approaches, provide justification.
- IR6-6:** Where guidance or standards from other jurisdictions are used in lieu of Yukon-specific guidance, identify the substituted guidance and provide a clear rationale for its use. Demonstrate how the proposed guidance will maintain or improve mitigation and monitoring measures relative to Yukon legislation, policies, and guidance.

2. Socio-Economic Management and Monitoring Plan

Sections 1.6.2 and 2.0 of the SEMP describe the roles and responsibilities of potentially affected First Nations and summarize engagement undertaken during development of the plan. Yukon Government notes that engagement descriptions are provided only for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and White River First Nation, with no explanation or rationale provided for the absence of Selkirk First Nation and First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun in these sections. In addition, the SEMP does not clearly describe how the Proponent proposes to proceed with engagement for First Nations where formal Collaboration Agreements or Impact Benefit Agreements are not in place.

- IR6-7:** Provide additional detail regarding First Nations participation in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the SEMP, including:
- an explanation of the engagement undertaken to date for each affected First Nation, including rationale where engagement has not yet occurred, and
 - describe any existing agreements between the proponent and First Nations related to socio-economic benefits and impacts, subject to confidentiality provisions. If none exist, outline any agreements that are planned or anticipated during the mine life.

Development of terms of reference with each affected First Nation for the methodology to undertake studies relating to effects to Traditional Land Use, under the umbrella of the SEMP is defined in Decision Document term and condition #21.

- IR6-8:** Clarify whether Fuerte Metals has considered broadening the scope of the terms of reference to include other components, for example: community wellbeing and

livelihoods (e.g., employment, income, business, health, family and community well-being).

IR6-9: Clarify how studies undertaken pursuant to the terms of reference will inform SEMP implementation, monitoring, and adaptive management over the life of the Project.

The Community Health and Well-Being Management Strategy includes a description of key concerns raised during initial consultation with affected First Nations and public stakeholders. Yukon Government notes, however, that the Strategy does not clearly demonstrate how each of these identified concerns is being addressed through specific actions within the SEMP.

IR6-10: For each key concern raised during initial consultation on the Community Health and Well-Being Management Strategy, clearly describe how it is being addressed within the SEMP, including monitoring indicators and reporting commitments.

IR6-11: Where a key concern raised during initial consultation on the Community Health and Well-Being Management Strategy has been addressed in another approved Project plan, clearly reference:

- a. the relevant plan and section(s), and
- b. how implementation and monitoring under that plan are integrated with the SEMP.

IR6-12: Demonstrate how the SEMP integrates commitments and monitoring from other Project plans. In particular:

- a. identify cross references between the SEMP and the Noise Management Plan, and
- b. describe how noise related socio-economic effects will be monitored and addressed under the SEMP.

Additional information required in a plan update:

IR6-13: Provide the Code of Conduct referenced by the Proponent in the SEMP Table of Concordance (Appendix A) to comply with Decision Document Term and Condition #35 and #37 or clearly identify where these requirements are addressed and how compliance will be verified.

IR6-14: Decision Document Term and Condition #42(a) require the proponent to maintain a transition fund, to ensure in the event of unscheduled closure that the funding of programs and other financial commitments outlined in the SEMP are in place for a period of 12 months. Provide:

- a. a summary of programs, funding commitments, and financial obligations that will be maintained under this requirement, and
- b. a clear reference to where this information is provided within the SEMP.

IR6-15: Revise the Local Employment and Procurement Management Strategy #28 to comply with Decision Document Term and Condition #42(b) which requires the maintenance of the Employee Assistance Program for a minimum of 6 months.

IR6-16: Decision Document Term S110 #G requires development of a personal safety monitoring program in collaboration with Yukon Government, Yukon Status of Women Council, and Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council. Describe:

- a. work completed to date,
- b. projected milestones and next steps for development and implementation of this program, and
- c. clarify where this is described in Appendix B.

IR6-17: Revise Appendix B to include proposed commencement timelines for monitoring collection for each strategy, including any phase-based or condition-based triggers.

IR6-18: Revise Table 3-1 for clarity and ease of reference:

- a. list of indicators under the Land and Resource Use row are not sequential, and
- b. list of indicators under the Community Health and Well-being row are not sequential.