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June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mr. Gregg Bush  
President, Minto Explorations Ltd.  
Suite 2100, 510 West Georgia Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 0M3  
Sent by email and post

Dear Mr. Bush,

Re: Approval of plans – Minto Mine, Yukon

Pursuant to Section 6.0 of Quartz Mining License QML-0001 (the "License") for the Minto Mine, Minto Explorations Ltd. ("MEL") submitted the following plans to the Director for review and approval:

1. *Emergency Response Plan, Version 2017-01 dated March 2017;*
2. *Environmental Monitoring, Surveillance and Reporting Plan, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018;*
3. *Phase VII Expansion Waste Rock and Overburden Management Plan, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018;*
4. *Reclamation and Closure Plan, Version 2018-01 dated February 2018;*
5. *Operations Adaptive Management Plan, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018;*
6. *Mill Operations Plan, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018;*
7. *Phase VII Underground Mine Development and Operations Plan, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018;*
8. *Waste Management Plan, Version 2017-01 dated November 2017;*
9. *Spill Contingency Plan, Version dated February 2017; and*
10. *Tailings Management Plan Minto Mine, Version 2018-01 dated January 2018*

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By way of this letter, I approve the plans subject to the existing conditions listed in Schedule C of the License and the conditions listed in my June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 letter for the Copper Keel ramp plan. Schedule C is amended to reflect this approval. A consolidated version of the License, with the amended Schedule C will be sent by separate letter after a redline version is reviewed by MEL.

I wish to make the following points with respect to the approval:

1. The approval of the Director pertains only to the Director's responsibilities under the Quartz Mining Act and for greater certainty nothing in this approval should be construed as an approval of the work under any other statute or license, nor limits the application of federal or territorial laws, including the Waters Act or the Occupational Health and Safety Act and related regulations.
2. Part III Section 9.2 of the License requires MEL to submit detailed designs of engineered structures to the Director at least sixty (60) days prior to commencing any construction including:
  - a. underground and open pit detailed design drawings including level plans, ventilation plans, electrical single line drawings;
  - b. detailed design drawings and specifications for underground tailings deposition including distribution boreholes/piping and pumping systems, fill fences and geotechnical characterization of the tailings if used as structural backfill; and
  - c. additions or modifications to existing mill crushing facilities including information on dust suppression systems;

that form part of the approved plans listed above. I encourage MEL to submit the detailed designs as soon as possible, as the review of the designs will involve other Yukon government departments and may take longer than sixty (60) days.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 667-8708 if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

Sincerely,



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A/Director, Mineral Resources Branch

cc: Chief Sharon Nelson, Selkirk First Nation  
Matthew Jenner, Natural Resources Officer, Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections Branch  
Heather Jirousek, Director, Water Resources Branch  
Roger Lockwood, Director, Yukon Water Board Secretariat  
Yves Brouillette, General Manager, Minto Explorations Ltd.  
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