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Dear Mr. Dunn:

**Re: Extension of Airstrip**

I am writing in regards to your letter of September 10<sup>th</sup> concerning the plans for the extension of the existing airstrip at the Minto mine.

The airstrip will be extended from its current length of 800 metres to approximately 1300 metres to accommodate larger planes than have been used to date. This extension will facilitate delivery of mine personnel, equipment and materials and may result in fewer flights to the site. The location, length and orientation of the airstrip are as shown on the document entitled Figure 1 "Runway Extension" which is attached to your September 10<sup>th</sup> letter.

It is my understanding that this airstrip, as described in your letter, is required for the mining activities authorized pursuant to section 6.1.1 of QML-0001.

I am of the view that these plans fall within the scope of the project in relation to the environmental assessment conducted under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (April 1, 2005). In addition, I am of the view that the activity is not a newly proposed activity but is part of the activity that was first proposed and assessed. Therefore, no further environmental assessment or any further amendments to the QML are necessary in order for these activities to be carried out.

I would like to note that this work should be considered in any subsequent amendments to the site decommissioning and reclamation plans submitted for review and approval.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (867) 667-3126.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Holmes".

Robert Holmes  
Director, Mineral Resources

cc. Chief Darren Isaac, Selkirk First Nation  
Steve Colp, Natural Resources Officer, CS&I