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Honourable Lana Popham
Minister of Agriculture
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Dear Minister Popham:

Re: ALC Decision File #56955

I received a call from Jennifer Trevitt Vice President of AllGold BC this morning about a recent decision of the ALC. The file number is 56995. Their application was approved but with significant demands from the ALC that are not realistic for any business. They are regulated by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources which is the Statutory Decision Maker.

I have had constituents in the past with this same wording on the permitting paper work. "Removal of Soil from Agriculture Land Reserve" yes sand and gravel remove soils from the land, but placer miners do not. This is what happens with placer mining the topsoil is stripped & stored for future reclamation, pay gravel is dug for washing, and they haul it to the wash plant, then haul the washed gravel back to the pit where it was originally dug from. The ground is then re-contoured in such a manner that it benefits the local farmer that leases this land. After the mining is completed in each area, the topsoil is replaced & area specific seeds are planted to stop any erosion. This type of mining is referred to as progressive reclamation. It is the highest standard of placer mining practices.

The ALC is requesting a \$420,000 Irrevocable Letter of Credit on top of the already \$100,000 reclamation bond that AllGold has with the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources. How can the ALC put this kind of demand in place and on top of that another ILOC in the amount of \$1750 for 5 site inspections when the Statutory Decision Maker is the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources?

AllGold has been testing and mining here in the Cariboo since 2011, I have been to their site in question and they do an amazing job of reclamation.

They have had to lay off all their employees, as they have lost their entire mining season another blow to the economy. They are very frustrated and feeling dejected. They have worked hard to make sure they are doing things right and doing progressive reclamation. It is hard to watch a business that has done amazing things here in the Cariboo to be given a blow like they have.

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The Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources has a bonding calculator to figure out what it will take to reclaim the land by outside professionals. How does the ALC figure out what it will take to reclaim the land? Do they use the same bonding calculator? How can both entities make the proponent pay to the Minister of Finance 2 times on the same tenure?

I will await your response.

Yours truly,

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