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**Subject Amendment to the certificate of authorization for port infrastructures at  
Deception Bay by Canadian Royalties Inc.  
(Your reference: 3215-14-07)**

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Dear Deputy Minister,

As part of the environmental and social impacts assessment and review procedure set out in Chapter II of the *Environment Quality Act*, the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission has reviewed the information on this project sent June 19, 2014 by Mireille Paul of your department.

The construction of port infrastructure for the Nunavik Nickel mine project was authorized in 2008. However in July of 2011 during the construction, there was a landslide at the site where the planned wharf was to be built, and this led to a reassessment of the project. Following an amendment to the overall certificate of authorization in July, 2013, a temporary floating dock was built that same year.

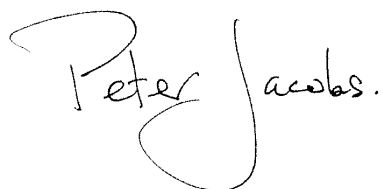
Given the stability and ease of operating from this type of dock, Canadian Royalties would like to install a permanent version of this installation designed to withstand arctic winters. It would be located at the same site as approved in the initial authorizations of 2008 and 2013).

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After examining the information provided and in accordance with Section 23.3.20 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement* and Section 200 of the *Environment Quality Act (RSQ, Chapter Q-2)* the Commission has decided to exempt the project from the environmental impacts assessment and review procedure. The Commission attaches the following three conditions to the decision:

1. Six months after the authorization of this project, the proponent will submit to the Administrator for approval a program to monitor the stability of the port infrastructure and its operations. The proponent will integrate this monitoring program into the overall monitoring program for the Nunavik Nickel project during the next program revision, so as to incorporate the results of monitoring of port infrastructure in its annual reports on environmental monitoring.
2. Six months after the project is authorized, the proponent will submit for the Administrator's approval an update on its emergency measures plan for Deception Bay.
3. The proponent will include the restoration of the sediment disposal site near the Deception Bay installations, and the restoration related to the dismantling of the port infrastructure -- including the redevelopment of the shores of Deception Bay at the end of operations -- in the future update to the restoration plan as prescribed under Condition 9.1 of the certificate of authorization for the overall mining project. The Commission expects the restoration of the sediments disposal site, in particular, to be carried out within a short time horizon.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Jacobs." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline that extends under the word "Jacobs".

Peter Jacobs  
Chairman