

Red Chris Development Company Ltd. 200-580 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3B6

March 17, 2015

Mr. Al Hoffman Chief Inspector of Mines Executive Director, Health, Safety and Permitting PO Box 9320mStn Prov Govt Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N3

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Sincerely,

Tim Fisch

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Red Chris Development Company Ltd.

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Mr. Scott Parker, Inspector of Mines, Health and Safety, Smithers, MEM

Mr. Don Parsons, Chief Operating Officer, Imperial Metals Corporation.

Mr. Randy Daggitt, Vice President, Tahltan Ledcor Limited Partnership.



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June 9, 2015

Mr. Tim Fisch General Manager Red Chris Development Company Ltd. 200-580 Hornby Street Vancouver BC V6C 3B6

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Dear Mr. Fisch:

## Re: Application for Variance to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code section 1.5.1

Your request for a variance to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC (Code) pertaining to hours of employment under Part 1, Section 1.5.1 has been reviewed.

Tahltan/Ledcor is proposing a schedule of 14 days at 11.5 hours per day, followed by 7 days off, for a period of four months. Originally intended to commence in April, it will average less than 54 hours per week over approximately four months for an estimated 70 contract employees.

A Fatigue Management Plan, (FMP) has also been submitted for review. The program appropriately places responsibilities for fatigue management on all those involved in addition to the project management: for those doing the work (workers), supervising the work (foremen) and some recognition towards the importance toward the design of the work (management and supervisors) in 6.0-Prevention. Education on signs and symptoms, implications of and preventative measures are included.

Please ensure all training of the FMP is documented including training dates and names of persons trained. All audits of the effectiveness of the program and the results should also be documented.

I note that all workers on this site, Red Chris and contract employees, are housed in a camp located on site and are not permitted to commute home on a daily basis. In addition to provided air and bus transportation at the beginning of their rotation, you indicate a small percentage of workers may elect to drive to and from site, approximately 6 hours. As an accumulated sleep debt leading to fatigue impairment may be present at the end of several consecutive shifts, in particular night shifts, this particular group of workers may be at a higher risk of a commuting-related incident and should be monitored closely.

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## This proposed schedule is acceptable for the period until August 31, 2015 under the following condition:

It shall also be included in the FMP that workers are allowed to report to first-aid if they are suffering from fatigue and present a hazard to themselves or others. They would then be accommodated with some down-time to recover without lost wages or perception of coercion. Please confirm this has been included in the plan and communicated to the workforce.

This variance is in effect until August 31, 2015.

Sincerely,

Al Hoffman, P. Eng.
Chief Inspector of Mines

Ec: Mr. Rolly Thorpe, Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines, Health and Safety, EMNG

Ms. Cheryl Pocklington, Inspector of Mines Ergonomics, Victoria, MEM

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