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Audrey Comte
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Simplot Canada (II) Limited
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Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 3J9

Dear Ms. Comte:

Re: Simplot Canada Potato Processing Plant – Portage la Prairie – Notice of Alteration

I am responding to your June 23, 2015 Notice of Alteration (NoA) relative to the Simplot Canada (II) Limited (Simplot) potato processing plant (plant) at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The plant operates under Environment Act Licence No. 2518 R7 (Licence).

The NoA, prepared by Simplot and AECOM, describes details of a proposed plant expansion that includes installation of a batter application system and associated equipment capable of producing battered potato products at the plant. The NoA concluded that, considering the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, design features, standard operating procedures, current industrial agreements, existing environmental conditions of the Licence, and the social and ecological context of each environmental component, the cumulative environmental effects of the proposed expansion are expected to be negligible in magnitude. It was also concluded that, based on the available information and documented assumptions, the overall potential adverse effects of the proposed alterations associated with this project will be minor and insignificant.

Upon review of the Notice of Alteration and the Licence, I have decided that the environmental impacts of the proposed plant expansion are insignificant. Accordingly, I hereby approve the proposed plant expansion activities pursuant to the following conditions:

1. All requirements of the Licence must be consistently satisfied with specific note of the following:
 - a) Clause 9 of the Licence respecting requirements to submit sealed engineered construction drawings and drawings and schematic diagrams identifying all components of the alterations;

- b) Clause 10 of the Licence respecting notification to the assigned Environment Officer(s) prior to beginning the alterations. The assigned Environment Officer(s) must be notified at least one week in advance of commencing site work associated with the plant expansion;
 - c) Clause 11 of the Licence respecting requirements to submit engineered as constructed (or record) drawings and drawings and schematic diagrams identifying all components of the alterations; and
 - d) Clause 12 of the Licence respecting required silt fences.
2. The plant expansion shall not cause any recommendations contained in the 2002 Clean Environment Commission report to the Minister to be superseded.
 3. Any ancillary components associated with this work must be recycled as may be appropriate or disposed of as waste at a waste disposal ground operating under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to *Manitoba Regulation 150/91* respecting *Waste Disposal Grounds*, or a Licence issued pursuant to *The Environment Act*.

Once the work is complete please provide a brief summary describing the work associated with the alteration to the Environmental Approvals Branch.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the foregoing, please contact Robert Boswick, Environmental Engineer, at 204-945-6030. For ongoing assistance with the administration of your Licence please contact Tyler Kneeshaw, Environment Officer, at 204-239-3608.

Yours truly,

“original signed by”

Tracey Braun, M.Sc.
Director

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