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Director
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RE: Notice of Alteration to Environment Act Licence 960VC
Construction of 350RAR at Vale Canada Limited's Thompson Mine

Vale Canada Limited (Vale) operates two underground metal mines governed under Clean Environment Act Order No. 960VC: the Thompson T1 Mine and the Thompson T3 Mine, collectively "the Thompson Mine." Vale is proposing to make changes to the existing development to provide required additional ventilation capacity, through building a new Return Air Raise (RAR). The proposed work will involve installing a new, dual shaft RAR (the "350 RAR") to replace the failing 345 RAR.

Please accept the included Notice of Alteration Form, detailed report and associated application fee as formal request for review of this proposed alteration to the operations currently approved under Licence No. 960VC. Your time and consideration are appreciated.

Regards,

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