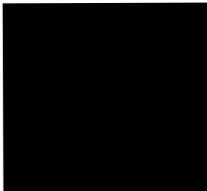


March 7, 2017



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Dear  s.40(1)

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-16-2017)**

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On February 17, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

**What is the total amount of material that has been exported by Vale from the nickel mine at Voisey's Bay? Please advise how much of this material has been exported since in or about February 2015. Please produce a copy of the most recent exemption order to which the Government of NL is a party, in relation to the Voisey's Bay Development Agreement. Please confirm the amount of funds, if any, that have been received by the Government of NL from Vale in relation to a \$30 million dollar Community Investment Fund which appears to have formed part of the consideration for an exemption order granted to Voisey's Bay Development Agreement in or about early 2015.**

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to some of the requested information.

1. What is the total amount of material that has been exported by Vale from the nickel mine at Voisey's Bay?

Up to September 2016, the total amount of nickel-in-concentrate that has been shipped from the province is 593,200 tonnes. There is a lag from the time concentrate is shipped until the Department of Natural Resources receives the laboratory analysis and reporting from Vale. This answer represents the most up to date information we have available.

2. Please advise how much of this material has been exported since in or about February 2015.

From February 2015 to September 2016 inclusive, the total amount of nickel-in-concentrate that has been shipped from the province is 68,200 tonnes. There is a lag from the time concentrate is shipped until the Department of Natural Resources receives the laboratory analysis and reporting from Vale. This answer represents the most up to date information we have available.

3. Please produce a copy of the most recent exemption order to which the Government of NL is a party, in relation to the Voisey's Bay Development Agreement.

See: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/regulations/rc150021.htm> for a copy of the most recent order.

4. Please confirm the amount of funds, if any, that have been received by the Government of NL from Vale in relation to a \$30 million dollar Community Investment Fund which appears to have formed part of the consideration for an exemption order granted to Voisey's Bay Development Agreement in or about early 2015.

The Department of Natural Resources does not have records or information responsive to this question.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible; in accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the records have been included with this correspondence.

#### Right to Request Review/File Appeal

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department's decision to provide partial access to the requested information. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your request should identify your concerns with the department's response and why you are requesting a review.

The request for review may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

**Response to be Made Public**

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 729-0463 or by e-mail at [rhynes@gov.nl.ca](mailto:rhynes@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**Rod Hynes**  
Departmental ATIPP Coordinator