July 29, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-115-2019)

On June 28, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Hello - I am requesting any and all documents, notes etc... of correspondence between a mining company by the name of Marathon Gold (and any of it’s representatives) and this department covering the dates from: March 20-2019 to today's date: June 28-2019

The Department of Natural Resources have conducted a search and is providing access to the most information possible but have made redactions in accordance with Sections of ATIPPA, 2015: 7(2) and Schedule A subsection 2(k), 22(1)(a), 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d), 35(1)(g) and 40(1), as follows:

7. (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where access to a record is prohibited or restricted by, or the right to access a record is provided in a provision designated in Schedule A, that provision shall prevail over this Act or a regulation made under it;

*Schedule A, subsection 2(k) references section 15 of the Mineral Act ;

22. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose a record or part of a record that is published and is available to the public whether without cost or for purchase;

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40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy; and

Section 15(1) of *The Mineral Act* which states: Subject to an Act of the province relating to the compilation of data, completion of statistics or an agreement between this province and another province or the Government of Canada relating to the exchange of confidential information under that Act, information that is required to be given under this Act shall be made available only

(a) to persons permitted by this Act to receive that information or authorized by the minister to receive that information;

(b) to persons that the person giving the information may consent to receiving the information; or

(c) for the purpose of assessment or imposition of a tax imposed after receipt of the information upon the person giving the information.

Please note that the attachment to the email on Page 1 of the records can be located at this weblink:

Further, please note the document which is identified in an email attachment dated May 7, 2019 at page 35 cannot be released under auspices of Section 15 of the *Mineral Act* and Section 7(2) and Schedule A(k) of *ATIPPA, 2015* as identified above.

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 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 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  
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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.

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.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Rod Hynes

Rod Hynes  
ATIPP Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Powell,

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Thank you,
Eric

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March 28, 2019

Marathon Gold Corporation
Mr. James Powell
P.O. Box 4006, Pearlgate PO
Mt. Pearl, NL
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Project: Marathon Valentine Gold Project
Location: West-Central Region, Newfoundland

Please be advised that The Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2003, Section 33(2) define your project as an undertaking requiring environmental review pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2.

You are therefore required to register your undertaking with this Department. The attached booklet entitled Environmental Assessment: A Guide to the Process provides the registration format and other information to assist you. It is recommended that a draft of the registration document be submitted for review.

Please be aware that under provisions of the Act, undertakings may not proceed and other government agencies may not issue any relevant authorizations until a decision is rendered by the Minister. A decision by the Minister will be provided to you within 45 days following receipt of your registration.

Please be advised that, in accordance with Government's Proactive Disclosure Initiative, all Ministerial decision letters related to your project will be posted online subject to any exceptions to disclosure provided under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Walton, Environmental Scientist at (709) 729-0834 or ericwalton@gov.nl.ca. Our staff is always ready to assist you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Sweeney
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment Division

c.c. Mr. Stephen Hinchey, Mines Branch, Department of Natural Resources
Hynes, Rodney (NR)

From: Canning, Perry
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Harvey, Brian
Subject: FW: Fact finding regarding Qulipu statement of "Qulipu FN territory spanning Newfoundland."

FYI.
Perry

From: Sherry Dunsworth [mailto:sherry.dunsworth@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Canning, Perry <PerryCanning@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fact finding regarding Qulipu statement of "Qulipu FN territory spanning Newfoundland."

Hello Perry,

Further to my cell messaging with you this morning, I wanted to firstly, thank you for making time in your busy schedule to meet with Jamie Powell, Director of Environment and Stakeholder Engagement for Marathon Gold Corporation and myself next week (Tues, April 16th at 3:00 pm).

Marathon Gold has been asked by the Qulipu First Nation to meet with them on May 2, 2019 in Corner Brook to discuss the Valentine Project. Phill Walford, Jamie and I have agreed to meet with the Qaipu leaders, including the Chief Brendan Mitchell. On April 2, 2019 we received an e-mail from Francis Skeard. I have copied this e-mail below. There is a statement by Francis in the e-mail that, "Qalipu First Nation's traditional territory spans across the island of Newfoundland with a significant presence here in central Newfoundland." Part of our meeting with you next week is to discuss this statement and obtain some clarity from the Provinces on the facts and also recommendations and advice on how to proceed with our discussions with the Qulipu First Nation.

See you next week.

Regards, Sherry

April 2, 2019 e-mail from Francis Skeard to Marathon Gold Corporation:
Good evening

My name is Francis Skeard and I am an elected councilor of the Qalipu First Nation and chair of Qalipu Natural Resources Standing Committee (www.qalipu.ca). Qalipu First Nation’s traditional territory spans across the island of Newfoundland with a significant presence here in central Newfoundland.

We are excited for your development at valentine lake and would to meet and discuss the development. The next regular meeting of the standing committee occurs on May 1, 2019 in Corner Brook and we would appreciate having some of your experienced management team give the members of the standing committee a presentation and to take questions.

Thank you for your time.

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Anne,
Could we please set this meeting for the lower level boardroom to accommodate this request?
Perry

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Sherry Dunsworth  
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 9:29 AM  
To: Canning, Perry  
Cc: Harvey, Brian; James Powell  
Subject: Re: Discussion

Good morning Perry,

Jamie Powell and I will be attending the meeting.

If there is a screen and projector available, we can give you and Brian a quick update on the project based on the results of the Oct 30, 2018 PEA and recent public presentations to the central NL communities of Buchans, Millertown and Grand Falls.

Regards, Sherry

On Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 1:16 PM Sherry Dunsworth wrote:

Thank you Perry.

See you them.

Regards, Sherry

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Thank you Perry.

Jamie Powell, Director of Environmental and Stakeholder Engagement for Marathon Gold Corporation, and I will be attending the meeting.

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Ted,

Thoughts?
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If you can’t attend in person and would like to join by phone, please advise asap so that we determine arrangements to accommodate this. If there are others from your department that should attend, either in place of or in addition to you, please forward the invite or let me know so that I can track how many will attend.

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To: Sherry Dunsworth; Robert Borst; Watton, Eric; Squires, Susan; Sweeney, Joanne; jonathansharpe@gov.nl.ca; taramorgan@gov.nl.ca; hkan@gov.nl.ca;
Hi All,

I was just speaking with Perry Canning and he reminded that gov't officials cannot attend meetings like this while going into the elections and also for the 1-2 weeks after election in case there is a re-count.

So, we will have to wait until the election is over, make sure no recount, then set a meeting for the week or so after......

Sherry

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Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 10:37 AM
Subject: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project
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Cc: Phil Walford <pwalford@marathon-gold.com>

Marathon Gold's senior management team invites you to a presentation of our proposed Valentine Gold Project. Marathon will present the proposed project as detailed in the Project Environmental Assessment Registration and take any questions from the audience. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience. Robbert Borst (COO), Sherry Dunsworth (Senior VP of Exploration), and myself will be providing the presentation.
If you can’t attend in person and would like to join by phone, please advise asap so that we determine arrangements to accommodate this. If there are others from your department that should attend, either in place of or in addition to you, please forward the invite or let me know so that I can track how many will attend.

Thank you,
Jamie

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From: James Powell [mailto:jpowell@marathon-gold.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Watton, Eric
Subject: FW: Marathon EA

From: James Powell
Sent: April 29, 2019 9:37 AM
To: 'Mining Act Submissions' <MiningActSubmissions@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Marathon EA

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Cheers,
Jamie
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Thanks
Paul

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Hynes, Rodney (NR)

From: Watton, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Philpott, Paul
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Thank you Paul.

Eric

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Hi Eric

Sorry for short circuiting the system. We’ll make sure to go through you on future requests for information.

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Regards,
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From: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 9:06 AM
To: Phil Walford <pwalford@marathon-gold.com>; Robert Borst <rborst@marathon-gold.com>; Sherry Dunsworth <sdunsworth@marathon-gold.com>
I’ll be over to the office shortly… I got caught up reading this!

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
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To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>; Squires, Susan <susanSquires@gov.nl.ca>
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Please see the attached letter and documents. The Minister has determined that an EIS is required for this undertaking.

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Dear Mr. Powell:

RE: Valentine Gold Project

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, I have concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to determine if the proposal may have significant negative environmental effects or is a significant public concern.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide technical and scientific advice to you regarding the preparation of an EIS. As per the legislation, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EIS. Project information requirements will have to address, but are not limited to:

- Potential impacts to hydro dams and reservoirs,
- Archaeological impacts,
- Access and alternate access routes,
- Power transmission line,
- Wildlife (Caribou herds, Species at Risk, waterfowl, botanical species, etc.),
- Fish and fish habitat,
- Groundwater and surface water,
- Benefits Agreement including a Gender Equity and Diversity Plan,
- Climate change considerations,
- Consultations with the public,
- Environmental monitoring plans,
- Decommissioning plans,
- Determinants of health,
- Greenhouse gas emissions, and
- Infilling of water bodies.

Please note that in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process. The project is also subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the environmental assessment.
If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lisa Dempster, MHA
District of Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

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