July 24, 2019

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MAE/130/2019]

On June 17, 2019, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment 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."

In an email sent on July 2, 2019, you amended the date range of your request to April 12, 2019 to June 28, 2019.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to provide access to some of the requested information.

However, certain text contained within the records has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the Act):

Section 29(1)(a): "The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister."

Section 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."

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 appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). 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 appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal 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

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

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 709-729-7183 or by e-mail at ryan.collins@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

RYAN COLLINS
ATIPP Coordinator
Municipal Affairs and Environment

Enclosures
Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.
Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

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(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).
Hi Eric,

Thank you for this information – as you know we fully expected this outcome and have been preparing and planning for it. I look forward to meeting with the EAC and moving the process forward.

Also, I left a voicemail for you on a related matter – could you please call me back when you have a moment.

Thanks,
Jamie

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: June 13, 2019 9:45 AM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>; Squires, Susan <SusanSquires@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project - Decision

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Thank you,
Eric

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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,

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

Attachment

Cc. Andrew Parsons, MHA
   District of Burgeo - La Poile
Appendix 1

Service NL – Quarry Safety
Through occupational health and safety inspections of various quarry operations within the Province, it has become evident that there are a number of deficiencies or unacceptable practices being carried out. These deficiencies or unacceptable practices have the potential to cause both immediate and long term health problems, if not addressed.

Deficiencies noted include:
1) Heights of faces and benches are higher than can safely be reached by equipment being used;
2) Lack of dust suppression systems for drills, crushers, conveyors, roads, etc.;
3) Lack of medical surveillance for workers;
4) Improper removal and storage of over burden from the quarry edge;
5) Lack of proper / adequate crusher, conveyor, equipment guarding.

Height of Faces / Benches
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 409(2) states: “Except where the minister, in writing, permits otherwise, in a pit, quarry or similar excavation
(a) the height of a face of which the material is not at a safe angle of repose shall not be greater than the height which can be safely reached by the equipment being used;
(b) the bench height for sand, gravel and unconsolidated materials shall not exceed 5 metres and, in any event, shall not be higher than can be reached with equipment in use;”

Quarry operators must:
- Ensure the bench / face height for quarry operations in consolidated rock does not exceed 10 metres and, in any event, is not higher than can be safely reached with the equipment in use. Also, ensure that when the quarry is worked in 2 or more benches, it is worked at a 55 degree angle with catchment berms left in place to collect any material falling to the bench below.
- Ensure the bench / face height for quarry operations in unconsolidated rock (sand and gravel) does not exceed 5 metres and, in any event, is not higher than can be safely reached with the equipment in use. Also, ensure that when the quarry is worked in 2 or more benches, it is worked at a 45 degree angle with catchment berms left in place to collect any material falling to the bench below.

Dust Suppression
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 413 (5) states: “Where a worker is exposed to dusting resulting from loading, transporting or conveying rock at surface operations, the dust shall be reduced to non-harmful concentrations by the application of water or by other effective means.”

Please also refer to sections 413(4), (7), (10) and 414(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations for further legislative requirements.

Quarry operators must:
Ensure that all quarries have wet suppression systems or mechanical suppression systems installed and operated to address dust that is generated from drilling, blasting, crushing, loading, and transporting or conveying rock.
Medical Examination
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 47(1) states: "An employer shall establish and maintain a system for the surveillance of the health of his or her employees arising from silica dust exposure in accordance with the silica health surveillance guidance document prescribed by the minister.

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 413(2) states: "An employer who employs workers at a mine or quarry where silica is mined or quarried, or where it is present, shall comply with the Silica Code of Practice."

Quarry operators must:
- Ensure all workers who work in a "dust-exposure occupation", i.e. quarry operations, have an initial health assessment done under the direction of a physician on an annual basis. This health assessment shall include, but is not limited to the following: an occupational history, respiratory questionnaire, a pulmonary/lung function test, a chest x-ray (full size PA view), and a medical history and physical examination emphasizing the respiratory system.

Overburden Removal
Where work is being carried on in an excavations, overhanging banks and trees or stumps and overburden shall be removed in the area within 5 metres from the edge of the excavation.

Curbs or Berms
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 410(4) states: "Safety berms shall be installed along haulage roads to pits and quarries and shall be at least half the height of the tire or axle of the largest piece of equipment being used to haul materials."

Quarry operators must:
- Ensure on all haulage roads, waste dumps and benches in quarry operations, that the employer makes provisions for the installation of safety curbs and berms to prevent equipment from inadvertently going over the embankment.

Conveyor Guarding
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Section 90(1) states: "The application, design, construction and use of safeguards, including an opening in a guard and the reach distance to a hazardous part, shall meet the requirements of CSA Standard Z432 "Safeguarding of Machinery."

Quarry operators must:
- Ensure all exposed moving parts on conveyors that may constitute a hazard to workers are adequately guarded. Areas included but not limited to are: tail pulleys, receiving hopper / skirt boards, take up pulleys, counterweight enclosures, head pulleys, drive pulleys, snub pulleys, return rollers / idler assembly, V-belts, power transmission equipment guards, radial drives on portable stackers, etc.

Additional information is available from the Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-2706 or toll free at 1 800-563-5471.
Appendix 2

*Birds and Oil - CWS Response Plan Guidance*
Potential copyright material

If you wish to obtain a copy please contact the ATIPP Office at (709) 729-7072 or atippoffice@gov.nl.ca.
Appendix 3

BANK SWALLOWS in Pits & Quarries
Guidance for Aggregate Producers
Potential copyright material

If you wish to obtain a copy please contact the ATIPP Office at (709) 729-7072 or atippoffice@gov.nl.ca.
Hi Joanne,

We appreciate the note and update you sent yesterday morning. We hope that this matter can be resolved very soon as it’s critical for us to consult with the various departments and EA committee to help ensure our time-sensitive field programs will address the EIS requirements. Several of these programs have to start in the next week or two given their seasonal nature.

Please advise us of any updates you have.

Thank you,
Jamie

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From: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2019 9:32 AM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Cc: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: EA of the Valentine Gold Project

Hi Jamie,

Thank you for phone call yesterday. I acknowledge that the minister’s decision on the Valentine Gold project was due on June 7, 2019, following a 1 week extension to the decision. Please be assured that the project is under review and we hope to have more information for you in the upcoming days.

Please feel free to call me if you’d like to discuss.

Regards,
Joanne

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Further to the below email, the CEAA decision will be posted and the links will go live approximately 1:00pm today.

From: Sweeney, Joanne
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Squires, Susan <SusanSquires@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Valentine Gold Project: Determination of a Federal Environmental Assessment

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 9:33 AM
To: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Valentine Gold Project: Determination of a Federal Environmental Assessment

FYI – CEAA decision and guidelines

From: Service, Andrea (CEAA/ACEE) [mailto:andrea.service@canada.ca]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 9:30 AM
To: 'James Powell'
Cc: Smith, Melanie (CEAA/ACEE); Keeping, Brent (CEAA/ACEE); Adams, Jill (CEAA/ACEE); Desroches, Luc (CEAA/ACEE); Watton, Eric
Subject: Valentine Gold Project: Determination of a Federal Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Powell:

It has been determined that a federal environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 is required for the Valentine Gold Project. On this basis, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has posted a Notice of Commencement for the federal environmental assessment today, May 31, 2019, on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry. The Notice of Commencement can be accessed at the following link: http://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/130015?culture=en-CA.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has also prepared Draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines for the Valentine Gold Project. The draft Guidelines are available for public comment until June 30, 2019 and can be accessed at the following link: EN: http://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/130016?culture=en-CA

The Final EIS Guidelines will be provided to you by July 30, 2019. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Andrea Service

Andrea K. Service, PhD

Environmental Assessment Officer, Atlantic Region
Brian,

In response to your query of May 29, 2019, mineral exploration is not considered to be within the scope of the undertaking described by EA Registration # 2015 – the proposed Valentine Gold project, which is currently under environmental assessment. EA #2015 is proposing the construction and development of a mine. Please note that the exploration activity under application by the company must be restricted to activities that align with mineral exploration, and cannot be expanded to include activities that would be associated with the construction/development of the proposed mine. Please also note that exploration activity itself may require registration for environmental assessment under specific circumstances, such as if the activity is occurring within 200 metres of a scheduled salmon river, or if a road is required to be constructed or realigned whereby a portion of the road is in excess of 500 metres from an existing road or right of way, or if a bulk sample is to be extracted where the quantity of material is more than 1000 cubic metres.

Please let me know if you'd like further clarification or wish to discuss.

Kind regards,

Joanne

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Parsons, Bernadette

From: Watton, Eric
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:14 AM
To: ‘James Powell’
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne
Subject: RE: Registration 2015 - Request for Extension (1 week)

Thank you Mr. Powell.

Eric

From: James Powell [mailto:jpowell@marathon-gold.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 7:28 AM
To: Watton, Eric
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne
Subject: RE: Registration 2015 - Request for Extension (1 week)

Hi Eric,

Marathon accepts your request for a 1 week extension to the May 31, 2019 date as requested below.

Thank you,
Jamie

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: May 29, 2019 11:50 AM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Registration 2015 - Request for Extension (1 week)

Dear Mr. Powell,

The Minister’s decision date for this project is May 31, 2019. In order to finish work on this EA review, I request a one week extension to this date. The requested one week period should allow time for the remaining advice to be received, analyzed, and reviewed.

As a reminder, Section 68(1) of the Environmental Protection Act states a “licence, permit, approval or other document of authorization issued under another Act pertaining to an undertaking shall not be issued until the undertaking has been exempted or released under this Part.”

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Thank you Eric, I will discuss this with our team and get back to you asap.

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My apologies to all, as it seems the provincial departments can’t attend this meeting we are cancelling. We are available at any time to answer questions or meet with anyone to discuss our proposed project.

Thank you,
Jamie

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Phone: 709-730-5046
Okay, no problem. It was Eric attending, and maybe Joanne, as it was a technical meeting on the project already under EA with us and CEAA.

Susan

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Chippett, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Squires, Susan; Sweeney, Joanne
Subject: Fwd: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project

We can't do this in writ period

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Canning, Perry" <PerryCanning@gov.nl.ca>
Date: April 30, 2019 at 4:45:02 PM NDT
To: "Chippett, Jamie" <JamieChippett@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: "Lomond, Ted" <TedLomond@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project

Jamie,
As discussed.
Perry

From: James Powell [mailto:wpowell@marathon-gold.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 4:20 PM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>; Sherry Dunsworth; Robert Borst <rborst@marathon-gold.com>; Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>; Squires, Susan <Squires@gov.nl.ca>; Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>; Sharpe, Jonathan <jonathansharpe@gov.nl.ca>; Morgan, Tara <taramorgan@gov.nl.ca>; Hkan@gov.nl.ca; Dawe, Paula V <pauladawe@gov.nl.ca>; Pittman, Dexter <dmitman@gov.nl.ca>; Crane, Gerald <geraldcrane@gov.nl.ca>; Canning, Perry <PerryCanning@gov.nl.ca>; Smith, Alex O. <asmiss@gov.nl.ca>; Philpott, Paul <PaulPhilpott@gov.nl.ca>; Sheppard, Kevin <KevinSheppard@gov.nl.ca>; Martin, Denis <martind@gov.nl.ca>; Eastman, Dennis <deastman@gov.nl.ca>; Harvey, Brian <brianharvey@gov.nl.ca>; roger.johnson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; Adams, Jill (CEAA/ACEE) <jill.adams@canada.ca>; Service, Andrea (CEAA/ACEE) <andrea.service@canada.ca>; jerry.pulchan@canada.ca; Keeping, Brent (CEAA/ACEE) <brent.keeping@canada.ca>; Brockerville, David <DavidBrockerville@gov.nl.ca>; sydney.worthman@canada.ca; melissa.ginn@tc.gc.ca
Cc: Phil Walford <pwalford@marathon-gold.com>
Subject: RE: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project
Hi to All,

Again my apologies for any confusion and yet another email on this. Further to Sherry’s email below, I have spoken with the EA division and they have confirmed that they can/will attend. If others with the province can please advise on or confirm their attendance, we can determine if we will proceed as currently scheduled.

Thank you,
Jamie

---Original Appointment-----

Hi All,

Further to Sherry’s email, I will provide an update on this asap. Sorry for any confusion.

Cheers,
Jamie

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I was just speaking with Perry Canning and he reminded that govt 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  

--------- Forwarded message ---------

From: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 10:37 AM

Subject: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project

To: Sherry Dunsworth, Robert Borst <rborst@marathon-gold.com>, Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>, Squires, Susan <SusanSquires@gov.nl.ca>, Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>, jonathansharpe@gov.nl.ca, Sherry Dunsworth, James Powell, M.Eng., P.Eng.

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As an update, please be advised that the EA Division will not be attending the presentation.

Regards,

Joanne

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Hi All,

Again my apologies for any confusion and yet another email on this. Further to Sherry's email below, I have spoken with the EA division and they have confirmed that they can/will attend. If others with the province can please advise on or confirm their attendance, we can determine if we will proceed as currently scheduled.

Thank you,
Hi to All,

Further to Sherry's email, I will provide an update on this asap. Sorry for any confusion.

Cheers,

Jamie

-----Original Appointment-----

From: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Sent: April 30, 2019 1:54 PM
To: Sherry Dunsworth; Robert Borst; Watton, Eric; Squires, Susan; Sweeney, Joanne; jonathansharpe@gov.nl.ca; taramorgan@gov.nl.ca; pauladawe@gov.nl.ca; dpittman@gov.nl.ca; geraldcrane@gov.nl.ca; perrycanning@gov.nl.ca; asmith@gov.nl.ca; PaulPhilpott@gov.nl.ca; kevinSheppard@gov.nl.ca; martind@gov.nl.ca; deastman@gov.nl.ca; brianharvey@gov.nl.ca; roger.johnson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; Adams, Jill (CEAA/ACEE) <jill.adams@canada.ca>; Service, Andrea (CEAA/ACEE) <andrea.service@canada.ca>; Keeping, Brent (CEAA/ACEE) <brent.keeping@canada.ca>; sydney.worthman@canada.ca; melissa.ginn@tc.gc.ca
Cc: Phil Walford <pwalford@marathon-gold.com>
Subject: Fwd: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project

When: May 8, 2019 9:30 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-03:30) Newfoundland.
Where: Holiday Inn Torbay Road (Meeting Room to be Confirmed)

Hi All,

I was just speaking with Perry Canning and he reminded that govt 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.......
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: Sweeney, Joanne
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 11:06 AM
To: 'James Powell'
Subject: Accepted: Presentation: Marathon Gold Corp's Valentine Gold Project
Thank you Joanne.

Hi Jamie,

Both Eric and I can attend the regulators meeting. In light of the election being held during the week of May 13, you may get a better attendance if you hold the meeting during the week of May 6.

Joanne

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Hi Joanne,

I received an automated reply from Eric on the email below and understand he's out this week. Would you be able to weigh in on my question, please? I'd like to get the invites out either way, and book the conference room.

Cheers,
Jamie

From: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Sweeney, Joanne <joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with all regulators??
Hi Eric,

When we talked Monday last week, you suggested sometime the week of May 13 for me to set the meeting invites for the regulator meeting I've suggested. I realize now that's also the week of the election - do you or Joanne (also copied), have any further suggestions on the timing? I'm thinking it would be better the week before (week of May 6) but I think you mentioned you'd be away?

Note, you'll get an auto-reply when you reply, but I'm still checking emails.

Cheers,
Jamie

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Parsons, Bernadette

From: Watton, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Sweeney, Joanne
Subject: FW: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project

Joanne,

Can we discuss?

Eric

From: James Powell [mailto:jpowell@marathon-gold.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Watton, Eric
Subject: RE: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project

Ok, understood. I’ve discussed with our CEO and we do **not** want the shape files posted for public access, please. If there is a specific reason or request for this, please advise and we can consider further, however we don’t see any need or reason for the public to have access to native files like this. Based on your earlier request, I understand that you need these for the other govt departments and that’s certainly not an issue. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Cheers,

Jamie

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2019 10:10 AM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Subject: RE: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project

Yes.

From: James Powell [mailto:jpowell@marathon-gold.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Watton, Eric
Subject: RE: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project

Hi Eric,

Do you mean for public access?

Thanks,

Jamie

From: Watton, Eric <ericwatton@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2019 9:58 AM
To: James Powell <jpowell@marathon-gold.com>
Subject: FW: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project
Jamie,

Can we place the GIS files on the project webpage as well?

Thanks,
Eric

From: Watton, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 9:48 AM
To: 'James Powell'
Cc: Sweeney, Joanne; 'Service, Andrea (CEAA/ACEE)'; Smith, Melanie (CEAA/ACEE) (melanie.smith@canada.ca); Lalonde, Karen (CEAA/ACEE)
Subject: EA Registration 2015 - Valentine Gold Project

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please see the attached letter. The Valentine Gold Project is now registered and I will be coordinating the 45-day EA review. Please call or email with any questions.

Thank you,
Eric

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