Dear [Redacted: 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-85-2017)

On September 5, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources received your request, via transfer from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (who received the original request on August 28, 2017) for access to the following records/information:

Please provide all (i) assessments, reports or analysis prepared by, or prepared for or on behalf of, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation relating to the viability of the Scully Mine located in Wabush or the proposal by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to acquire, restart or operate the Scully Mine located in Wabush; and (ii) all assessments, reports or analysis submitted by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, relating to the proposal by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to acquire, restart or operate the Scully Mine. These documents would include, but not be limited to, assessments, reports or analysis provided by (i) Mag Global/Tacora Resources, (ii) the Department or (iii) third party consultants, relating to the viability of reactivation of the Scully Mine, the mine plan for the Scully Mine, a mineral resource or reserve report for the Scully Mine and financing arrangements for the acquisition of the Scully Mine.

On September 5, 2017 you acknowledged that much of the request was similar in nature and scope as your request to the Department of Natural Resources previously submitted on August 11, 2017 and identified as NR-68-2017 (see below) and that we could omit from the request any records that will be provided under NR-68-2017.

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Please provide all (i) assessments, reports or analysis prepared by departments or agencies of the Newfoundland Government including Natural Resources, Office of Labrador Affairs, Municipal Affairs and Environment and the Office of the Premier relating to the proposal by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to acquire, restart or operate the Scully Mine located in Wabush; and (ii) all assessments, reports or analysis submitted by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to departments or agencies of the Newfoundland Government including Natural Resources, Office of Labrador Affairs, Municipal Affairs and Environment and the Office of the Premier, relating to the proposal by Mag Global/Tacora Resources to acquire, restart or operate the Scully Mine. These documents would include, but not be limited to, assessments, reports or analysis provided by Mag Global/Tacora Resources relating to the viability of reactivation of the Scully Mine, the mine plan for the Scully Mine, a mineral resource or reserve report for the Scully Mine and financing arrangements for the acquisition of the Scully Mine.

Therefore, we agreed that the scope of this request (NR-85-2017) would be for “any assessments, reports, or analysis, whether prepared internally by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, or third party consultants, that are not otherwise captured in NR-68-2017 in relation to the viability or reactivation of the Scully Mine, the mine plan for the Scully Mine, a mineral resource or reserve report for the Scully Mine and financing arrangements for the acquisition of the Scully Mine”.

With these parameters as our focus the Department of Natural Resources have reviewed this request and conducted a search and confirmed that there are no additional responsive records available that have not been previously processed by the Department of Natural Resources under another access to information request by you or will not be addressed in the aforementioned access to information request known as NR-68-2017.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). 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.

The address and contact information of 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.

Please be advised that this letter will be published online following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you.

If you have any questions about the processing of your request, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 729-0463 or by e-mail at RHynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

RHynes

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ATIPP Coordinator