

Mount Polley Mining Corporation

an Imperial Metals company Box 12 • Likely, BC V0L 1N0 • T 250.790.2215 • F 250.790.2613

April 11, 2019

Via Email: Douglas Hill, P.Eng.
BC Ministry of Environment,
and Climate Change Strategy
Regional Operations Director – Mining
Environmental Protection

RE: Pollution Abatement Order 107461

2019 QUARTER 1 UPDATE REPORT

This report satisfies the requirement of Section 6.0 of Pollution Abatement Order (PAO) 107461 last amended June 9, 2017. This report includes a summary of PAO-related activities undertaken in the previous three months and a projection of planned activities for the upcoming three months in regards to the:

- Implementation status of the requirements of this order;
- Summary of communications with stakeholders and the public relating to the TSF breach and its impacts; and
- Activities taken by MPMC towards the restoration and contaminant remediation efforts in the spill-impacted area of Hazeltine Creek, Polley Lake and Quesnel Lake.

For previous information, see the Quarter 4 Update Report available on the Imperial Metals website <u>here</u>.

Implementation Status of PAO Requirements

All deliverables under the amended PAO 107461 have been submitted.

The Conceptual Remediation Plan (CRP) was submitted on January 31, 2018 to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV). Feedback from ENV, received on December 11, 2018, requires MPMC to revise and resubmit the CRP by February 11, 2019. An extension to the submission date was approved by ENV. The updated Remediation Plan was submitted on March 29, 2019.

Communications

The Community Update Newsletter for the fourth quarter was published on April 5, 2019 on the MPMC <u>website</u> and distributed to the surrounding communities.

MPMC met with the Public Liaison Committee (PLC) on February 25, 2019. The main topic for the meeting was to review the proposed updates to the Remediation Plan and to ratify the terms of reference.

MPMC also holds monthly call-in meetings with ENV to discuss various compliance and remediation matters. Communication with ENV was held on January 23, February 6, and March 12, 2019.

A Habitat Remediation Working Group (HRWG) meeting was held via conference call on February 20, 2019. The focus of this meeting was to review the proposed changes to the monitoring program for rainbow trout spawning in upper Hazeltine Creek.

An Implementation Committee (IC) meeting with Williams Lake and Soda Creek Indian Bands was held on March 7, 2019 to provide mining operations and remediation updates and to discuss the Care and Maintenance of Mount Polley Mine.

There were no community presentations in Q1 of 2019.

Quarter 2 2019 communications/meetings:

A PLC meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 29, 2019.

A Community Update will be published in Q2 2019.

Rehabilitation Work

Hazeltine Creek Rehabilitation

No remediation work was undertaken in the Hazeltine Creek in Q1 2019.

Polley Flats

No remediation work was undertaken in the Polley Flats area in Q1 2019.

Quesnel and Polley Lake

No remediation work was undertaken around Quesnel and Polley Lake in Q1 2019.

Projected Remediation - Q2 2019

Fish habitat construction for Reach 3 of Hazeltine Creek is scheduled to continue in the later part of Q2.

Tree and shrub planting is scheduled to commence in Q2.

Willow cuttings collection is planned for Quarter 2 for planting in later 2019.

Regards,

Colleen Hughes, EP

Environmental Supervisor

Mount Polley Mining Corporation

1-250-790-2617