

In response to Direction 59, Document 141 - Variation of project with the introduction of Centrifuges.

Tabled document #141

Refer Point 10

Statutory Provisions

*“The Acts referred to by the IAC specifically contemplate that a proponent may be given the opportunity to provide additional information to the decision-maker without necessarily attracting an obligation to undertake further public consultation.”*

The 910 submitters should be given the opportunity to discuss the modifications to the project, the Public has not been afforded the opportunity to discuss, consult and question this aspect of the mining process and the Proponent has not discussed this modification in a public forum.

With the significant number of EES submission responses highlighting the problems with the tailings storage dams and the vast volumes of water required in the mine processing, necessitated the introduction of the Centrifuge modification into the mining proposal.

The Proponent's centrifuge configuration has not provided any detailed specifications in relation to : its efficiency, throughput, costing, demand on power supply or alternative fuel source, efficiency of the system, noise levels emanating from the attenuated shedding, the aspect of recycling flocculants and their final discharge point, volume of water required, size of bypass sumps, the logistics of feeding the centrifuge and emptying the centrate and cake, the environmental impacts including their significance and acceptability and many other parameters.

Both the tailings storage facility (original form) and the centrifuge modification should be included in the EES assessment. The failure to document this alternative in the EES questions the adequacy of the exhibited EES.

Regards

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