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Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.
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Dear Ms. McLandress:

Request for Feedback: Manitoba's Duty to Consult Framework

The Government of Manitoba wishes to extend you the opportunity to provide input to help develop an improved and informed Duty to Consult Framework. Engagement is an important part of the development process and will help government better understand your organization's interests, needs, values and concerns.

The government's duty to consult is triggered when a decision or action may adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right. This process is currently guided by the 2009 *Interim Provincial Policy for Crown Consultations with First Nations, Métis Communities and Other Aboriginal Communities* (http://www.gov.mb.ca/imr/ir/pdf/pubs/interim_aboriginal_consultation_policy_and_guide_lines.pdf).

While we welcome any feedback on the duty to consult process, we are especially interested in your comments regarding:

- strengths and weaknesses of the current process.
- recommendations on how to improve and streamline the process.
- how to improve clarity of the consultation process and the roles and responsibilities for all parties involved with the proposed decision or action.
- process timeframes and how to effectively communicate with project proponents throughout the consultation process.
- ways to enhance proponent engagement with Indigenous communities.

Any feedback you would like to provide can be submitted to Policy and Strategic Initiatives to the attention of Jeff Legault, Policy Analyst with Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations, by May 3, 2017. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Legault. He can be reached at 204-918-6593 or by email at Jeff.Legault@gov.mb.ca.

I appreciate your involvement and look forward to receiving your feedback on the Duty to Consult Framework.

Sincerely,

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Angie Bruce
Deputy Minister

c: Jeff Legault