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RE: Ross Adams Project

Dear Ms. Parker and Mr. Minckler:

Below is the Ross Adams CERCLA Project Monthly Progress Report update for the month of May 2025. This provides the information specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), as Attachment B to the ASAOC.

1. ***Describe work performed during the prior month(s):***

- **Removal Action Design** –The Removal Action 90% Design was submitted on January 20, 2025. USFS provided comments on January 30, 2025. The response to USFS comments and the Removal Action 100% design was submitted to the USFS on March 21, 2025. USFS provided comments on April 10. Responses to the comments were submitted to USFS on April 18. The USFS approved the 100% design on April 22. Final electronic files of the stamped and signed drawings were emailed to the USFS on May 9, and hard copies of the Engineer Stamped drawings were provided to the USFS Juneau Administrative Record file on May 14.
- **Removal Action Work Plan (RAWP)** – The RAWP was submitted to the USFS on May 15, 2025. On May 22, USFS requested a redline document showing the comparison of the Haul Road RAWP to the Ross Adams RAWP, which was prepared to the extent possible and submitted to the USFS on May 22. In doing so, it was discovered that the incorrect QA/QC plan was provided in the Ross Adams RAWP,

and the correct QA/QC plan was submitted to the USFS on May 30.

- **Surface Water Sampling** – the first surface water samples for 2025 were collected on April 29, pursuant to the Surface Water Sampling Work Plan.
 - **Cabin Demolition** – Newmont submitted the Cabin Demolition Work Plan to USFS on April 21. USFS provided comments on April 23. Newmont provided a revised Work Plan on April 25 and USFS approved the Plan on April 25. On May 9, Newmont requested a certification of acceptability pursuant to the CERCLA Off-Site Rule for the Anchorage Regional Landfill for asbestos containing material from the cabin area. Cabin demolition began on May 21, after asbestos containing material was removed by a qualified contractor. The asbestos containing material has been stored until the certification for the landfill is received.
 - **2025 Construction** – Construction Activities continued in May.
 - **Borrow Source Investigation Addendum** – Newmont prepared an addendum to the Borrow Source Pre-Design Investigation and an Archaeological Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan to describe additional investigations and cultural monitoring for potential borrow sources on or near the Site. The plans will be finalized and submitted to the USFS in early June.
 - **Conference Calls** – Newmont and USFS had 3 weekly construction conference calls in May.
2. ***Provide a summary of all results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated by Respondents during the prior month, unless otherwise reported in other deliverables or to be reported in Pre-Design Investigation Reports:***
 - Sample results for the cabin material samples were included in the Cabin Demolition Work Plan.
 3. ***Identify all deliverables that Respondents submitted to the USFS during the prior month(s):***
 - See above under item 1.
 4. ***Describe all activities relating to Removal Action construction that are scheduled for the next month:***
 - Continued construction for the 2025 season, with weekly construction updates and conference calls.
 5. ***Provide an updated construction schedule, together with information regarding percentage of completion, delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule, and a description of efforts taken to mitigate those delays:***
 - A revised 2025 Removal Action construction schedule was submitted with the Removal Action Work Plan.

6. ***Describe any modifications to the Removal Action or schedules, including consultation with the USFS and approval by the USFS, when necessary, during the prior month:***
 - No Removal Action modifications were made during the prior month.
7. ***Describe activities undertaken by Respondents in support of the Community Involvement Plan during the prior month and those to be undertaken, as requested by the USFS, if any, in the next month:***
 - No Community Involvement Plan activities were requested by the USFS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 775-385-7324 or michael.chanen@newmont.com.

Regards,



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