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Dear [REDACTED]

**DALRADIAN GOLD - PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WATER (NI) ORDER 1999 AND THE WATER ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDMENT (LICENSING) REGULATIONS (NI) 2006.**

I refer to four applications, received by the Department, for environmental authorisation, as set out below under References: TrC 080/20\_1, TrC 081/20\_1, AIL-2020-0105 and AIL2020-0106):

**1. Request to hold a public local inquiry under Schedule 1. 3(4) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.**

Applicant: Dalradian Gold.

NIEA Reference: TrC 080/20\_1.

Location: Curraghinalt Mine, Teebane West, near Greencastle, County Tyrone.



Proposal: The discharge of trade effluent, including road and yard runoff, mine water from underground workings and runoff from reclaimed mine waste storage area into a waterway known as the Curraghinalt Burn. The discharge is associated with a proposed underground mine and surface developments,

currently under consideration by DfI Planning. Planning reference LA10/2017/1249/F.

**2. Request to hold a public local inquiry under Schedule 1. 3(4) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.**

Applicant: Dalradian Gold.

NIEA Reference: TrC 081/20\_1.

Location: Pollanroe Burn, near Mullydoo Road, Greencastle, County Tyrone, BT79 7QP

Proposal: The combined discharge of trade effluent including treated water from gold mine operations and treated sewage effluent into a waterway known as the Pollanroe Burn. The discharge is associated with a proposed underground mine and surface developments, currently under consideration by DfI Planning. Planning reference LA10/2017/1249/F.

**3. Request to hold a public local inquiry under regulation 17 (1) of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.**

Applicant: Dalradian Gold.

NIEA Reference: AIL-2020-0105.

Location: Curraghinalt Mine, Teebane West, near Greencastle, County Tyrone.

Proposal: The abstraction and impoundment of surface water associated with a proposed underground mine and surface developments, currently under consideration by DfI Planning. Planning reference LA10/2017/1249/F.

**4. Request to hold a public local inquiry under regulation 17 (1) of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.**

Applicant: Dalradian Gold.

NIEA Reference: AIL-2020-0106.

Location: Curraghinalt Mine, Teebane West, near Greencastle, County Tyrone.

Proposal: The abstraction and impoundment of groundwater from a proposed underground mine, currently under consideration by DfI Planning. Planning reference LA10/2017/1249/F.

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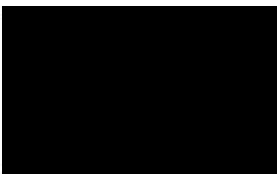
In reference to these four applications received for environmental authorisation (NIEA References: TrC 080/20\_1, TrC 081/20\_1, AIL-2020-0105 and AIL-2020-0106), the Department requires that for the purposes of considering representations received in respect of these applications, a public local inquiry shall be held by the Appeals Commission (the 'Commission) in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1. 3(4) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and regulation 17 (1) of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

I am aware that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) wrote to the Commission on 22 September 2021 to request the Commission hold a public local inquiry into planning application LA10/2017/1249/F, and related applications associated with the Dalradian Gold mine proposals.

The Department (DAERA) is of the opinion that the representations received in response to TrC 080/20\_1, TrC 081/20\_1, AIL-2020-0105 and AIL-2020-0106 are relevant to that public local inquiry. Therefore in accordance with Schedule 1. 3(4) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, the Department requests that these representations be considered as part of that public inquiry. I would therefore request the Commission to make the necessary arrangements.

A significant number of representations accompany these four applications and I will be in contact to agree the necessary arrangements to send this information to you.

Yours sincerely



**Director of Resource Efficiency Division**

