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Dear WAM Innovation and Planning Team,

Mount Polley Mining Corporation is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the Ministry of Environment's Policy Proposal (the proposal) for the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA). Imperial Metals holds a majority of its mining operations and development projects primarily in British Columbia.

Mount Polley Mining Corporation believes that BC's supply of clean fresh water is a tremendous resource that will provide benefits to society for years to come and should be protected and maintained for the benefit of future generations. We also believe that predictable access to water is a competitive advantage that we can use to help build a strong BC economy and will help reinforce the renaissance that is currently underway in BC's mining industry.

The Mining Association of BC (MABC) recently submitted a response to the proposal and Mount Polley Mining Corporation would like to take this opportunity to put our full support behind the opinions expressed within the MABC submission.

As stated by MABC, the proposal does not contain a sufficient level of detail to allow our company to understand and anticipate the potential implications that would come from implementing the policy directions contained in the proposal. We encourage the BC government to hold additional consultation sessions as the next level of detail is developed and prior to proceeding to the legislative drafting stage.

Mount Polley Mining Corporation is eager to work with the Ministry of Environment in whatever way possible to ensure that the modernization of the Water Act is successful

in ensuring the long term sustainability of our water resource while maintaining predictable access to that resource to help build our economic future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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