



15 December 2022

Andrew Wannan
Approvals Manager – McPhillamys
Regis Resources

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Andrew,

**McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD 9505)
Questions on Notice**

I refer to the above Application currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Following the questions posed by the Commission to the Applicant during its meeting with the Commission on 6 December 2022, the Commission would be assisted by the Applicant providing a written response to the following questions taken on notice:

Water supply:

- a) The documentation shows two dimensions for the pipeline diameter – would it be correct to assume that the larger diameter would allow for the most efficient pumping of water?

Salt balance:

- b) The decant water or water on top of the Tailing Storage Facility will become highly saline and – for example, at year 8 of operations – there would likely be some flow on impacts, such as limits to the rate of evaporation and operational impacts. Have these implications been taken into account?
- c) Has a salt balance calculation been undertaken?

Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) design:

- d) Was a combination of TSF design methods considered?

The Commission notes that on 7 December 2022, the Commission wrote to the Applicant (Attachment A) and requested that the Applicant respond to the above questions as part of its opening statements at the Public Hearing on 8 December 2022, or as part of its closing statements on 12 December 2022, or in writing to the Commission. Given that the Public Hearing (previously scheduled to be held on 8, 9 and 12 December 2022) was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, the Commission requests that a response to the above questions is provided by **5pm on Wednesday, 1 February 2023**.

The Commission has provided additional time for the response to be prepared as it understands further studies may be required to provide a complete response.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Ms Jane Anderson, [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Barry', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Stephen Barry
Planning Director

Attachment A: email dated 7 December 2022

From: [Jane Anderson](#)
To: [Andrew Wannan](#)
Cc: [Oliver Cope](#)
Subject: McPhillamys Gold Project - Questions on Notice
Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 7:56:00 PM
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Hi Andrew,

During the meeting between Regis and the Commission Panel yesterday, Regis took the following questions on notice:

1. Water supply:
 - The documentation shows two dimensions for the pipeline diameter – would it be correct to assume that the larger diameter would allow for the most efficient pumping of water?
2. Salt balance:
 - The decant water or water on top of the Tailing Storage Facility will become highly saline and – for example, at year 8 of operations – there would likely be some flow on impacts, such as limits to the rate of evaporation and operational impacts. Have these implications been taken into account?
 - Has a salt balance calculation been undertaken?
3. Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) design:
 - Was a combination of TSF design methods considered?

The Panel would appreciate a response to the questions above. Regis may choose to respond to these matters as part of its opening statements at the Public Hearing on 8 December 2022, or as part of its closing statements on 12 December 2022, or in writing to the Commission. If Regis chooses to respond in writing, please respond by Wednesday 14 January at the latest. Please note that the Panel may ask additional questions and seek further clarification on other matters during the course of the Public Hearing over the next few days.

Kind regards,
Jane

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