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**RE: SLIMES DAM SEEPAGE INCIDENT AND POSSIBLE DAM WALL COLLAPSE (EMERGENCY) OF HELENA TAILINGS DAM AT THE MOTOTOLO JV CONCENTRATOR.**

Your letter dated 08 August 2017 and the inspection conducted by officials from this Department on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 refers.

The department has noted that:

1. There has been an incident of seepage from the Helena Tailings Dam.

In this regard, you are directed to comply with the requirements of Section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) as amended.

2. There is indeed a risk and potential for the dam wall to collapse which is an emergency case

In this regard, you are instructed to comply with the requirements of Section 30(A)(2)(b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) as amended.

You are also directed to list the activities which may require an amendment of the approved EMP in terms of regulation 29 or 31 of the EIA Regulations of 2014 as amended.

3. However, the Department **recommends** that the Mine proceeds to implement the proposed mitigation measures to prevent or contain the emergency situation or to prevent, contain or mitigate the effects of the emergency situation.

Kind Regards,

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

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