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Dear Mr. Rees:

Further to the previous communication from December 2017, we are pleased to inform you that the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner (OMLC) has officially transferred from the Ministry of Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (ELTO) cluster of tribunals at the Ministry of the Attorney General. As part of the transfer, the OMLC has been renamed the Mining and Lands Tribunal (MLT).

The transfer of the MLT to ELTO supports the government's priority to modernize the province's administrative justice system and aligns the MLT with similar tribunals in Ontario. The transfer is also in response to stakeholder feedback indicating that the tribunal serves a valuable function, but needs to move towards better transparency and accountability. We believe the transfer to ELTO will help to achieve these goals.

It is important to note that no changes to the powers of the former OMLC or function of the office have taken place as part of the transfer. Any matters that would normally be directed to the OMLC will continue to be directed to the MLT.

In order to ensure that the required knowledge and expertise has been retained in the MLT, two of the former OMLC Deputy Commissioners will continue to hear cases as part-time members in the MLT. In addition, the former staff of the OMLC will also be continuing with the MLT to help smooth the transition and to retain institutional knowledge.

For more information on the MLT or ELTO, please visit <http://elto.gov.on.ca/>. If you have any additional questions, please contact ELTO by telephone at 416-212-6349 or toll free at 1-866- 448-2248.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Yasir Naqvi.

Yasir Naqvi
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Handwritten signature of Michael Gravelle.

Michael Gravelle
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c: Jerry DeMarco, Executive Chair, ELTO