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Calico Resources USA Corp.
Nancy Wolverson
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Re: Environmental Baseline Study Work Plans – September 22, 2017

(Sent via email to nancy@paramountnevada.com and US Mail - return receipt requested)

Dear Ms. Wolverson:

Calico Resources filed a proposed baseline data collection work plan on May 17, 2017, associated with the *Notice of Intent – February 28, 2017*. The proposed baseline data collection work plan was reviewed by the Technical Review Team (TRT) members and discussed at a TRT meeting held in Salem and by phone on July 26, 2017. As the facilitating agency, DOGAMI provided Calico with a response to the May 17, 2017 proposed baseline data collection work plan on August 22, 2017.

Calico filed a revised baseline proposed baseline data collection work plan with the State on September 22, 2017. The revised plan was distributed to the TRT for review; a number of different State Agencies reviewed the proposed baseline data collection work plan. In its review, TRT members analyzed the proposed methodologies, considering:

1. Are the methodologies complete and scientifically accurate?
2. Is the study area appropriate?
3. Is the timing and duration of the study appropriate?

The TRT discussed the proposed baseline data collection work plan at its meeting on November 6, 2017.

The TRT accepts the Calico Grassy Mountain baseline data collection work plan, *Environmental Baseline Study Work Plans* dated September 22, 2017, for all state-related disciplines except wetlands and noise.

The TRT has delegated to DOGAMI, as the facilitating agency, to work with Calico to develop noise baseline methodologies that are acceptable. Although the State has noise control laws and regulations, it has no regulatory component or expertise for noise. DOGAMI has retained a consultant to review the proposed noise baseline data, and provided comments to Calico outlining necessary noise baseline improvements on November 3, 2017.

Calico must apply to the Oregon Department of State Lands for a jurisdictional wetland review of the revised project area associated with the *Notice of Intent – February 28, 2017*. Should affected wetlands or waters of the State be identified, additional baseline data methodologies may be necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the State's review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Madin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ian" being more prominent than the last name "Madin".

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