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Alberta's Support for Expanding Canadian Exploration Expense Eligibility to Advance Mineral Projects

Dear Todd Stone,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Association for Mineral Exploration (AME)'s recommendation that the Government of Canada expand eligible activities under the Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE) framework to include technical studies, engineering, feasibility, environmental baseline, and related project-advancement costs for eligible mineral projects.

I am pleased to support AME's recommendation that the Government of Canada expand the CEE eligibility criteria to include engineering and feasibility studies needed to advance mineral projects.

Our government is working diligently to strengthen mineral exploration, development and processing in Alberta through the Minerals Strategy and Action Plan, as well as other initiatives. An expanded CEE would complement our efforts and help ensure that Canadian mineral discoveries can move through the technical and economic work required to demonstrate viability, attract capital, and advance toward project sanctioning.

This proposal would help strengthen both Alberta's and Canada's economic resilience and sovereignty by reducing reliance on foreign-controlled supply chains and supporting a more secure domestic source of the minerals and materials needed for long-term economic growth. The mineral exploration and mining sector is a strategic asset for Canada. Providing clear eligibility for engineering and feasibility work would give investors greater certainty, help more projects advance through the development pipeline, and complement broader provincial efforts to attract, expand, and de-risk investment in critical minerals exploration and development.

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We appreciate AME's leadership on this issue and support your efforts to advance this recommendation with the Government of Canada as part of upcoming federal budget and policy discussions. We encourage Canada's Minister of Finance to give this important measure full consideration as part of upcoming federal budget and policy discussions and hope to see its implementation soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Jean." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Jean, K.C., ECA
Minister of Energy and Minerals