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Secretary General, Swedish Council on Ethics for the AP Public Pension Funds

Dear Mr. Matthews and Mr. Howchin:

Re: Investor Mining & Tailings Safety Initiative

As the new President & CEO of Detour Gold Corporation (“Detour Gold” or the “Company”), I’ve been very much focused on ensuring safe and responsible stewardship of our operations, including our tailings management facilities. As such, my team has welcomed the call for disclosure by the Investor Mining & Tailings Safety Initiative. This disclosure exceeds the levels of detail typically provided in corporate sustainability reports and will provide comprehensive and standardized reporting on tailings management facilities across the extractive industries. We believe that it will help promote best practices and a more rigorous approach to tailings management.

Detour Lake Mine and its Tailings Management Area (“TMA”)

Detour Gold owns and operates the Detour Lake Mine (the “DLM”), a long-life, large-scale open pit operation in northeastern Ontario. The DLM is one of the largest gold mines in Canada. As indicated in the DLM life of mine plan (June 2018), the operation is expected to produce an average of 659,000 ounces of gold per year over a mine life of approximately 22 years, which includes the development of the West Detour project that is currently being permitted.

The TMA for the DLM is located on the eastern part of the mine site, as shown in the general site plan attached as Appendix A. The current management plan consists of three tailings cells to be developed over the life of the mine, as follows:

- *TMA Cell 1* – Cell 1 was built using the ‘centerline’ method of construction and was commissioned in 2013. It is planned to be in operation until 2020.
- *TMA Cell 2* – Construction of the Cell 2 starter dam was initiated in 2018 and is scheduled to be completed in 2020. Cell 2 is being built using the ‘downstream’ method of construction, with tailings deposition planned to begin in 2020.

- *TMA Cell 3* – Cell 3 is planned to be built using the ‘downstream’ method of construction. Construction of the Cell 3 starter dam is scheduled to begin in 2029, with the start of tailings deposition planned for 2031.

The TMA has a total tailings capacity of 444 Mm³ (660 Mt), which is sufficient for the current mineral reserves and can also accommodate future reserve growth.

Detour Gold’s Approach to Tailings Management

The Investor Mining & Tailings Safety Initiative has requested that each respondent provide an overview of its tailings management system and how it manages risk.

Detour Gold’s Board of Directors provides oversight of the DLM operations and its operational risks. The Technical Committee of the Board of Directors regularly receives reports and updates on the DLM TMA, including the operation of Cell 1 and the construction of Cell 2.

Senior Management responsible for the Company’s tailings management system include the President & Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, Environment & Sustainability and the Vice President, Mine General Manager. Additionally, Responsible Persons and Engineers of Record have been identified for the TMA at the DLM site.

Detour Gold follows the recommendations in the Mining Association of Canada (“MAC”) *Guide to the Management of Tailings Facilities*, as well as the guidelines from the Canadian Dam Association (“CDA”) for the design, construction, operation and closure of the DLM TMA. In 2016, the International Council on Mining and Metals (“ICMM”) published its *Review of Tailings Management Guidelines and Recommendations*. The ICMM report concluded that the “Canadian Guidelines (MAC and CDA) when taken together represent the most comprehensive of the national frameworks. Member companies that adopt the Canadian guideline guidance would be rated as adequately complying with good practice.”

An operation, monitoring and surveillance manual has been developed for the DLM TMA, which defines the conditions under which the facility is operated. In addition, an emergency preparedness and response plan has been established for the TMA. These documents are updated on a regular basis.

Recent Initiatives to Improve Tailings Management

The Investor Mining & Tailings Safety Initiative has asked each respondent to confirm whether its approach to tailings management has changed or will change in light of the recent tragic incidents at Brumadinho and Mariana in Brazil and Mount Polley in Canada.

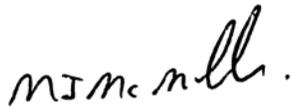
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Detour Gold recognizes that tailings management facilities account for one of the largest-scale risk scenarios in the mining industry. The recent tragic dam failures have led to increased scrutiny of these risks at the industry-association level in Canada and at the corporate level at Detour Gold.

Detour Gold has undertaken to establish an Independent Tailings Review Board (“ITRB”), which will be made up of highly reputable and competent individuals with tailings management experience. The reviewers will provide the Company with independent, objective, expert commentary, advice, and potentially recommendations, to assist in identifying, understanding, and managing risks associated with the DLM TMA. The ITRB is expected to meet for the first time later this year.

Detour Gold is pleased to support the work of the Investor Mining & Tailings Safety Initiative. We hope that the information provided by our Company, as well that of other participants, will not only help investors make informed decisions, but also promote strong environmental stewardship and ultimately raise standards across the industry.

Thank you again for your work on these important matters.



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Appendix A - Detour Lake Mine General Site Plan

