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Dear Interested Party:

This letter is in reference to a Permit to Install application from Rio Tinto Eagle Mine LLC for proposed modifications to the Eagle Project, a nickel and copper mining facility. The modifications include eliminating on-site ore crushing, adding an enclosed aggregate storage building, and eliminating the fabric filter dust collector, along with other changes. See the Fact Sheet at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> for complete details. The Eagle Project is located at 6510 AAA Road, Michigamme Township, Michigan. The Permit to Install application is identified as No. 50-06B.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has announced a public comment period on the draft permit conditions, as required by state and federal regulations. The public comment period is to solicit written comments prior to making a final decision on the permit application. Written comments received during the comment period will be considered in the final permit decision. Please mail comments by March 12, 2013, to Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, Permit Section Supervisor, M DEQ, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the webpage <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> (click on "Submit Comment" under the Rio Tinto Eagle Mine LLC, Permit to Install No. 50-06B listing).

On March 12, 2013, an informational session and a public hearing have been scheduled in the Northern Michigan University, University Center, Michigan/Huron Room, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan. The informational session will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., at which time staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will follow at 7:00 p.m. The sole purpose of the hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

After resolving any issues raised during the public comment period and the hearing, a final decision will be made on the permit application.

The "Notice of Air Pollution Comment Period and Public Hearing," the "Fact Sheet," and the draft permit conditions regarding our analysis of this proposed project are available at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> or you may contact me for printed copies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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