

August 5, 2024  
Project No.: File

**RE: Assurance Statement  
GISTM Disclosure – Glencore Tailings Storage Facilities  
Heath Steele Mine Facility**

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF OPERATORS**

Operators (as defined by the *Global International Standard on Tailings Management - GISTM*) of Tailings Storage Facilities (TSFs) are responsible for the safe design and management of the facility to prevent catastrophic failure and ensure the safety of people and the environment. These responsibilities include appropriate oversight over facilities and operations, implementing operating procedures and maintenance activities as well as complying with audit and Independent Tailings Review Board (ITRB) recommendations and corrective actions.

Beginning 2023, the GISTM requires that Operators publicly disclose certain information for Very High and Extreme Consequence Classification TSFs.

## **ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

Based on our audits and ITRB activities, nothing has come to our attention to indicate that the information disclosed in Table 1 of the factsheet for the Heath Steele TSF, dated 5 August 2024, is not fairly presented, and is in all material respects, in accordance with the GISTM reporting requirements. The factsheet for Heath Steele TSF including Table 1 can be downloaded on <https://www.glencore.com/sustainability/esg-a-z/Tailings>.

## **BASIS FOR ASSURANCE**

Strata Geo LLC (SG) has not been involved in the design or operation of the Heath Steele TSF and are independent of the Operators of the Heath Steele TSF.

SG has performed an audit of the **Heath Steele TSF**. The framework for our assessment was the *Glencore HSEC Assurance Process for Tailings Storage Facilities*, which includes:

- *Glencore Dam and TSF Management Standard*;
- *Glencore Health Safety Environment Community (HSEC) Audit Procedure*; and
- *Tailings Storage Facility Workbook*.

SG also participated as a member of the ITRB for Heath Steele TSF during 2024 for the purpose of monitoring the technical and governance aspects of the TSF. The ITRB activities included reviewing the TSF's performance and commenting on its design and operating procedures and its alignment with good practices.

Our work is based upon the information made available to us by the Operators.

## **LIMITATION OF OUR ENGAGEMENT**

The Operator is responsible for the factsheet, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it.

The reliability of our assurance is subject to inherent uncertainties, including the access to and completeness of information made available to us, and the available methods for determining, calculating, or estimating the underlying information. It is important to understand our assurance conclusions in this context.

Readers are cautioned that this assurance statement should not be interpreted as an audit of conformance with all the Principles of GISTM and therefore may not be suitable for the needs of all readers. We assume no responsibility for any losses suffered by users of this information including any indirect or consequential loss, including without limitation, loss of earnings, profits, business opportunity or otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

**Strata-Geo LLC**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Henderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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