

The Manager
Dalradian Gold Ltd
67 Main Street
Gortin
Omagh
Co. Tyrone
BT79 8NH

Direct Tel No: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: ASSI396

12 October 2018

Dear The Manager [REDACTED]

**CONFIRMATION OF OWENREAGH RIVER AREA OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
ARTICLE 28(6) OF THE ENVIRONMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2002**

Date of declaration: 29 March 2018
Council Area: Fermanagh & Omagh DC
County: Co. Tyrone
Irish Grid Reference: H 600 819

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has now considered any objections or representations which it received regarding the above declaration and hereby gives notice that it has confirmed the declaration of Owenreagh River Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI), as previously notified to you.

As you will be aware from the citation documents received at the time of declaration, the above Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) has been afforded legal protection against specified operations or activities that may damage its scientific features.

I refer you to the Schedule which you received with your citation documents that lists those operations and activities which the Department considers may cause damage to the features of this ASSI and would remind you of the requirement to apply for written consent/assent from the Department **before** carrying any of them out.



Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) has a statutory responsibility to manage and protect ASSIs and it wishes to work in a cooperative way with landowners and occupiers to secure the scientific features of those areas. Given this responsibility NIEA is also obliged to consider any damage to an ASSI as a serious matter and it is a criminal offence under Article 46 of The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 to cause damage to these lands.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature block]