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Notification of Environmental Assessment for the Pine Point Mine Project (MVEIRB File No. EA2021-01)

Dear Chief Adam,

The Government of Canada understands that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is sending correspondence to Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation regarding the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (MVEIRB or Review Board) Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the Pine Point Mine Project (EA2021-01) (the Project).

Further to the correspondence from the GNWT, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO), of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, on behalf of the Government of Canada, are writing to Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation to:

1) Notify you of the Review Board's EA process for the Project;
2) Encourage you to fully participate in the Review Board's EA process as a primary means to share information; and
3) Advise you that the Crown is relying, to the extent possible, on the Review Board's process to assist in fulfilling the Crown's duty to consult, and if appropriate, accommodate, should such a duty exist.

Background on the Project

On February 4, 2021, the Review Board decided on its own motion to conduct an EA on a proposal by Osisko Metals Inc./Pine Point Mining Limited (PPML or the Developer) to develop a zinc and lead mine at/near the old Pine Point Mine site, located approximately 45 kilometers (km) east of Hay River, NT and 50 km west of Fort Resolution, NT. The Project includes open pit and underground mining, with a mine life of approximately 10-15 years.

Following Project scoping, which took place between April and July, 2021, the Review Board issued a Terms of Reference describing what information the Review Board needs from the Developer to assess the impacts of the proposed Project on the environment and people. The Developer is currently preparing its Developer's Assessment Report.

Recently, the Review Board issued several information requests to Indigenous Governments and Indigenous Organizations related to potential impacts on community well-being and culture. This Notice of Proceeding can be found on the Review Board's public registry for the Project: Pine Point Mine Project | Mackenzie Valley Review Board.

Approach to Consultation with Indigenous Governments and Indigenous Organizations

The Government of Canada has a duty to consult and if appropriate, accommodate, where there may be potential adverse impacts to asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the Crown's EA decision, for which there are federal responsible ministers. The Government of Canada relies on the Review Board's process as the primary means to assist us in fulfilling our consultation and accommodation obligations in relation to the responsible ministers' decision on the Report of EA (which will be issued by the Review Board at the end of the EA process) under Section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. For further information on the Review Board's approach to consultation and engagement, please refer to their *Reference Bulletin on consultation and engagement in environmental impact assessment*.

Throughout the Review Board's process, the Government of Canada actively monitors and tracks adverse impacts on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights brought up by Indigenous Governments and Indigenous Organizations. The Government of Canada also works closely with the GNWT throughout the EA and decision processes and will coordinate processes where possible. Since we rely on the Review Board's process, your participation in this EA is important to help us understand if the Project could affect your asserted and/or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights.

We want to hear from you

If you identify any potential adverse impacts to asserted and/or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights with respect to the Project, we ask that you provide the following information to the Review Board:

a. The specific rights that may potentially be adversely impacted;
b. The specific potential adverse impacts; and
c. How the potential adverse impacts might be mitigated or accommodated.

The information provided during the Review Board's EA process and discussed during the decision phase of the EA process will be given full and thorough consideration prior to any decision being made.

Contacts

NPMO will be the consultation coordinator for the Government of Canada for this EA. If you have any questions for the Government of Canada or would like more information on how to participate in the process, please contact Shannon Allerston, NPMO Senior Project Manager at shannon.allerston@cannor.gc.ca or (867) 445-7230.

Sincerely,

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