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Notice of Proceeding

Pine Point Mine Project, Pine Point Mining Limited

Re: Information Requests to GNWT

In its Terms of Reference (ToR) for Pine Point Mining Ltd's (PPML or the developer) proposed new mine (the project), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) described the topics and related impacts that need to be examined during the environmental assessment (EA) of the project. Most of these topics and impacts should and will be addressed by PPML in its Developer's Assessment Report (DAR). However, there are also questions about the status and capacity of existing services and infrastructure that are best answered by appropriate government departments (Appendix C-20 of the ToR).

The Review Board expects that receiving information directly from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) about these services and infrastructure will support a better assessment of these impacts during the EA. This improved understanding should help PPML identify mitigations and design options to reduce impacts, and enable the Review Board to reach the best environmental assessment decision possible.

The Review Board has attached an information request to the GNWT that covers the topics outlined in the ToR. This information request will be posted on the Online Review System, where the GNWT can provide answers when available.

The Review Board is hoping the answers will be available in time for the developer to consider the responses in its Developer's Assessment Report (currently expected in Q1 2026). If the responses to these information requests are available in time for the developer to consider them in the DAR, it should do so. If the responses are not available early enough in the EA process for that, then the developer will be given an opportunity to provide its views and update its impact predictions later.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Melissa Pink at (867) 766-7052 or mpink@reviewboard.ca or Catherine Fairbairn at (867) 766-7054 or cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca.

Information Request to GNWT:

Directed to:
Government of the Northwest Territories

Preamble: The project could potentially cause an increase or decrease in demand on existing services and infrastructure in communities. Understanding the status and capacity of existing services and infrastructure in communities will help the Review Board and parties consider how the the project might affect infrastructure and services, and the people who use them. While it is the developer's responsibility to assess the impacts of the project on these services and infrastructure, much of the baseline information is held by the government. As such, some of the questions about the status and capacity of existing services and infrastructure are best answered by appropriate government departments.[1,2]

Questions:
Please provide a brief description of the status of existing services and infrastructure in potentially affected communities (including Hay River, Kátł'odeeche First Nation Reserve, Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, and Enterprise). Are any of the services or infrastructure at or near capacity? Please respond for the following services and infrastructure:

a. medical and health services, including physical and mental health services
b. schools, educational facilities, and day care
c. wellness centres, victim supports, and women's shelters
d. Elder care and services
e. utilities (water, power, internet, cellular service)
f. accommodation and lodging
g. road infrastructure and traffic, including
    i. the typical volume and type of traffic on highway and community infrastructure in the area
    ii. existing maintenance and operational management
    iii. number of existing reported accidents
h. water crossings with bridges
i. water and sewer infrastructure
j. solid waste services
k. recreation facilities
l. emergency response services (ambulance, fire protection, police services)

[1] See Appendix C-20 of the Terms of Reference for more details.
[2] Section 22 of the MVRMA allows the Review Board to obtain any EA-relevant information from the GNWT.