

File No. 1725

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Mr. Albert Chislett
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Eagleridge International Limited
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Dear Mr. Chislett:

Re: Big Triangle Pond Mineral Exploration Access Road

Your Environmental Preview Report (EPR) has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and Assessment Committee, as required by Part X Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*. Please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- Eagleridge International Ltd. shall be responsible for the decommissioning of all access roads associated with this proposal and, prior to the commencement of construction activities, shall provide a guarantee or other security satisfactory to the Minister of Environment and Conservation, in the form required by the Minister of Environment and Conservation, in an amount equivalent to the cost of decommissioning the roads;
- Eagleridge International Ltd. is required to conduct a survey in the area of the proposed road and planned mineral exploration activities for *Erioderma* species, as well as other lichens of conservation concern and submit this survey to the Wildlife Division, prior to the commencement of construction activities. The Wildlife Division should be consulted in order to obtain a list of potential experts experienced in identifying these species as well as to discuss appropriate survey protocols.
- Eagleridge International Ltd. is required to submit to the NL Department of Environment & Conservation a project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (EPP), prepared in consultation with the NL Department of Environment and Conservation. The EPP should focus on a road decommissioning and rehabilitation plan and on mitigation measures to be considered to reduce impacts, through the life of the project, on aquatic ecosystems and aquatic species, on wildlife (including raptors, other birds and small mammals), on woodland caribou and on lichen species of conservation concern. The EPP must consider impacts from road construction, operation and decommissioning as well as impacts from foreseeable mineral exploration activities, including, but not limited to line cutting, trenching, drilling and bulk sampling. The EPP must be developed by Eagleridge International Ltd. and approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the commencement of construction activities;

- Eagleridge International Ltd. shall prepare Environmental Effects Monitoring Plans (EEMs), in consultation with the applicable Government divisions, and submit them to the Minister of Environment and Conservation, and receive the Minister's approval for the EEMs, prior to the start of construction. The EEMs will cover the following valued ecosystem components (VECs) and will be developed to monitor effects as a result of the project and to ensure that any changes to existing baseline as a result of project effects are documented and mitigated against.
 - Woodland caribou
 - Aquatic ecosystems (including headwaters of Salmonier River) and aquatic species
 - Lichen species (*Erioderma pedicellatum*, *Erioderma mollissimum*, and other lichen species of conservation concern)
- The manager of Salmonier Nature Park must be contacted prior to any blasting activities and prior to any other construction or exploration activities taking place within 5km of Salmonier Nature Park.
- Public access to the road must be restricted through the use of a locked gate, either with the approval of the Minister of Transportation and Works if the gate is installed inside the TCH right-of-way or with the approval of the Minister of Environment and Conservation if installed outside the right-of-way.

You must apply for and gain Crown title to the land prior to the commencement of construction activities as outlined in this undertaking. No activity or land clearing is to take place until the Lands Branch has issued the Crown Land Title pursuant to the *Lands Act*. For further information on the Crown land application process, please contact Mr. Steve Barnable at the Crown lands - Eastern Regional Lands Office at (709) 729-2654. The Crown land application must be accompanied by an approved Municipal Recommendation Form from the Town of Holyrood.

Quarry permits, as per the *Quarry Materials Act, 1998*, are required for the use of quarry materials as construction or road rehabilitation materials. The application for a quarry permit is located at <http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/mines/quarries/qpermitapp.pdf>. For further information please contact Gerald Kennedy Manager – Quarry Materials at 709 729 6447.

The shape files of the province's Provincial Protected Areas are available for download at http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/parks/gis_data.html (Salmonier Nature Park and Avalon Wilderness Reserve). The Provincial Protected Areas data should be loaded on all GFPS devices during the road construction and exploration phases of this project to ensure that accidental encroachment does not occur.

You must apply for and obtain a Water Use Licence under the *Water Resources Act* for the use of any volume of water from any existing or new water source(s) for all purposes related to the road construction and exploration. For further information, contact Dr. Abdel-Zaher Abdel-Razek, Manager, Water Rights Section at (709) 729-4795 or at aabdelrazek@gov.nl.ca.

You must obtain permit(s) under Section 48 of the *Water Resources Act* for any alteration to a body of water, inclusive of but not limited to, stream crossings, site drainage works including sediment control ponds, and any other work in a body of water, (including wetlands) that have the

potential to impact water quality or quantity. For further information, contact Ms. Krista Rebello, Program Coordinator, Water Investigations at (709) 729-2657 or at krebello@gov.nl.ca.

The recently amended *Fisheries Act* requires that projects avoid causing serious harm to fish that are part of or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery, unless authorized by the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Proponents proposing work in or near water are now required to self-assess and determine if their project requires a review by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. You are encouraged to visit the new Fisheries Protection Program website to obtain guidance on how to carry out a self-assessment of their project (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>). If after completing the self-assessment of the project, the proponent determines that a review by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is in fact required, an application for review form (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/index-eng.html>) should be completed and sent to FPP-NL@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please do not hesitate to contact Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



DAN CRUMMELL, MHA
District of St. John's West
Minister