

ATTACHMENT A**Regulatory Advice from Government Departments**

EA 2259 – Gander Area Kingsway Property Mineral Exploration Drilling Program
(the Project)

During the environmental assessment, provincial and federal government departments and agencies indicated that the following plans, permits, licences, approvals and/or other authorizations are or may be required before the Project commences. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list and you are responsible for consulting with federal and provincial government authorities regarding any additional authorizations that may be required by law.

The Climate Change Branch (CCB) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) advises you to consider provincial climate change Projections for Gander in the planning for this undertaking as it is anticipated that extreme precipitation events will become more intense. The CCB further advises that the clearing of trees and brush can contribute to climate change. All heavy-duty equipment used in the construction phase of the Project should be operated in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For more information, please contact the CCB at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that if pesticide use is planned, a Pesticide Applicator License will be required, or if pest control services are contracted, the business must have a valid Pesticide Operator's Licence. PPD recommends that you develop a Spill Contingency Plan specific to the proposed undertaking and have spill response equipment readily available on site to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 1-800-563-9089. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that you are required to obtain a water use license for the use of any water for any purposed. Any effluent or runoff leaving the site must conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003. For more information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-2563.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL and the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (MAPA) advise that a development permit is required in accordance with the Gander River Protected Area Regulations for any construction/development within the Gander River Protected Area. Further, the Gander River Protected Area Regulations require that surface activity in connection with mineral extraction shall not take place within 300 metres of any salmon pool. The GSC further advises that plans and specifications must be submitted for

approval, should the Project include the installation of a subsurface sewage system. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 256-1420.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division (OHS) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that the activities associated with the development are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For further information, please contact the OHS at (709) 729-6690.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) informs that a Crown land application must be submitted and approved for any new road construction, if required. FFA informs that the Project boundary overlaps the Little Salmon Constant Pond cottage planning area. As well, the proposed boundary encompasses issued Crown titles and private land claims that can be viewed on the Land Use Atlas at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/gis/lua/>. FFA advises that proposed activities are not to encroach on existing land titles in the area. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises that in accordance with the **Mineral Act**, a person shall not search, prospect or explore for minerals in or upon land not vested in the Crown unless the consent of the owner, lessee or other person having a legal or equitable interest in that land is obtained. IET informs that preparation and use of access trails requires an exploration approval issued under the **Mineral Act**, and must comply with the newly released Environmental Guidelines for Mineral and Quarry Materials Exploration. Quarry materials needed for road construction/maintenance must be obtained from an approved source. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-5748.

The Provincial Archaeology Office (PAO) of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, and Recreation (TCAR) advises that the **Historic Resources Act** and Archaeological Investigation Permit Regulations apply to the Project. PAO advises that a 100- meter buffer is to be maintained on the Gander River where no ground disturbing activities are permitted. For further information, please contact TCAR at (709) 729-2462.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) advises that proposed highway access or upgrades to existing highway access require a highway access permit via the Department of Digital Government and Service NL website at www.gov.nl.ca/dgsnl/files/forms-pdf-preliminaryappltodevland-web.pdf For further information, please contact the TI Strategic and Support Services at (709) 729-5399.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you prepare the following plans:

- an Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan to mitigate negative impacts to wildlife;
- a Contingency Plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions for site specific activities; and
- a Wetland Compensation Plan that fully describes the mitigation hierarchy.

ECCC further recommends that operational precautions be taken during migratory bird breeding season between April 25 and August 15 in this region. ECCC requests that species-at-risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service via e-mail at ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca and to the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre at <http://accdc.com/en/contribute.html>. For further information, please contact ECCC at (709) 777-4221.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** and information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.