

New Found Gold Corp.

Environmental Registration



**For Mineral Exploration Activities at the Queensway North Gold Project,
Central Newfoundland.
Mineral Exploration and Core Drilling
along the
Appleton Fault Zone (AFZ)
and
Joe Batts Pond Deformation Zone (JBP).**

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1.0 Name of Undertaking

Queensway Gold Project (Queensway North Gold Project)

2.0 Proponent

i) Name of Corporate Body

New Found Gold Corporation

ii) Address

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3.0 The Undertaking

i) Nature of Undertaking

Conduct mineral exploration activities including geochemical, geophysical surveys, on the ground and from the air, prospecting, mapping, geological studies and core drilling at the Queensway Gold Project, Appleton area, central Newfoundland.

ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

New Found Gold Corp is a public mineral exploration company exploring for gold on the island of Newfoundland (Figure 1). As part of its exploration efforts the company wishes to continue its current diamond drilling program. The company is currently drilling core samples at the project for geological examination and sampling to determine the orientation and size of mineral bodies and testing their gold content for economic viability.

4.0 Description of the Undertaking

i) Geographic Location

The Project is located between the Gander River and the Town of Gander on the Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) in an east-west direction, and in the south, between the Baie d’Espoir Highway, near Middle Ridge and Third Berry Hill Pond, to the north to Jonathan’s Pond in the Rocky Pond and Gander River area. See attached Figure 1 and 2. A list of mineral exploration licences is attached as Appendix 1. Review maps in Tabloid format and scaled to 1:12,500 is attached as Appendix 2.

ii) Physical Features

The project calls for the creation of drill pads and access trails extending from the existing forest access roads and trails.

Drill pads are temporary in nature and are areas cleared of brush and trees for a 15m radius to provide safe and open areas for the operation of a diamond core drill. These cleared sites are typically operated from anywhere from 1-7 days prior to be reclaimed.

Drill access trails are temporary linear trails cleared of brush and trees with a 5m width to allow for safe access to the drill pad sites. Digging and ditching are not required for the creation of drill access trails. These cleared trails are typically operated anywhere from 1-8 weeks prior to being reclaimed.

No buildings or other permanent infrastructure are planned.

The topography of the area is dominated by broad, northeast trending ridges with linear, bogs, brooks, and larger ponds in the lower areas. Gander Lake, at 29 m asl and the Gander River are the major waterbodies nearest to the project area. Maximum elevation is approximately 100 m above sea level (asl) at Appleton on the TCH with a minimum of 20 m asl along the Gander River in the northern portions of the project. Previously harvested forest covers much of the project area with some significant recent cut over dating from 1990’s to the 2010’s, recently harvested areas of the project have been silviculture treated with a mix of genetically enhanced black and white spruce and are part of the forest land managed by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper. Older harvested regions around the Town of Appleton have regenerated naturally with frequent harvest of suitable firewood by the local town residents. Old access roads run throughout the region along with ATV trails and trails developed by the exploration companies who have operated in this area since the mid 1980’s.

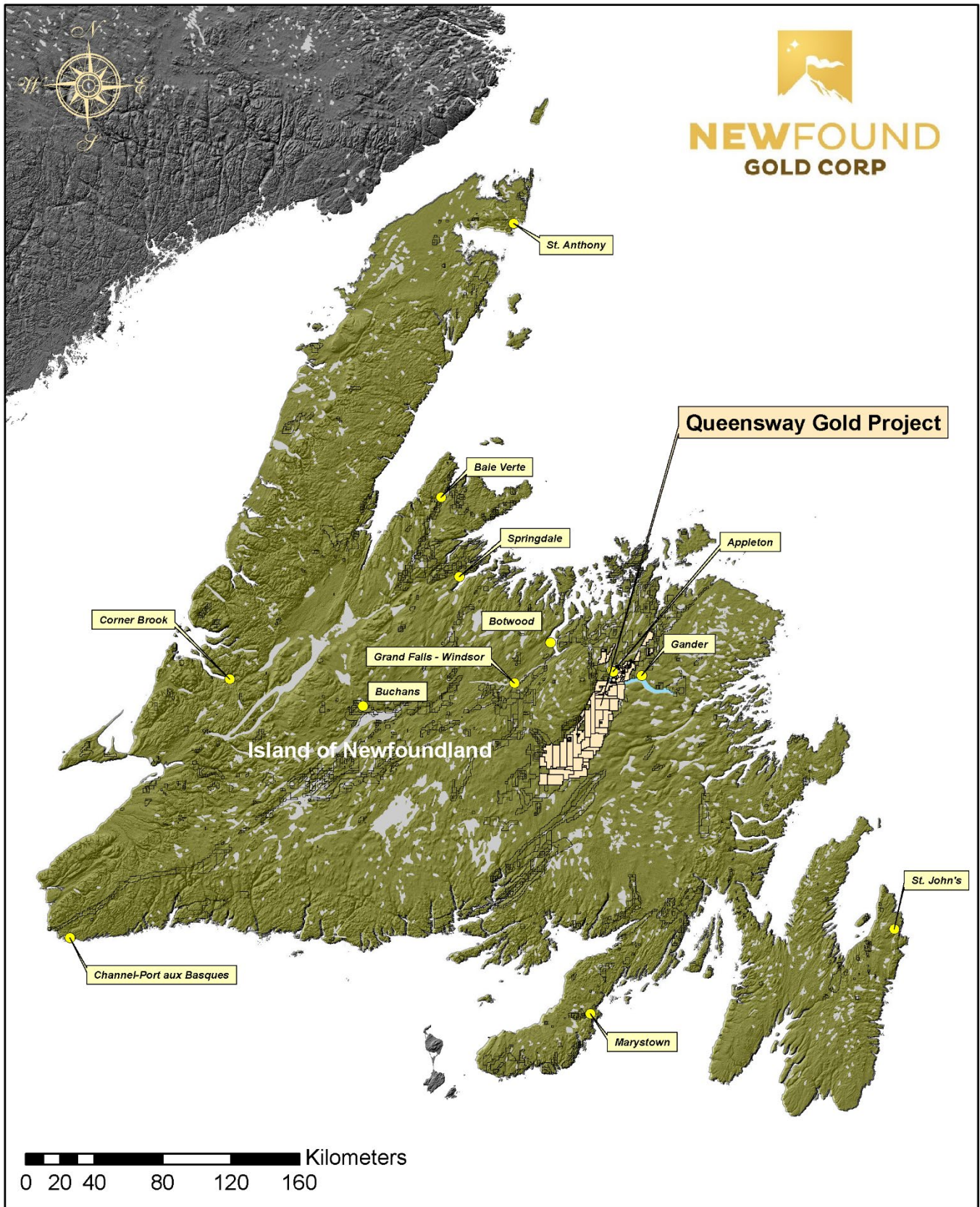


Figure 1- Queensway Project - Location Map – Newfoundland (1:3,000,000)

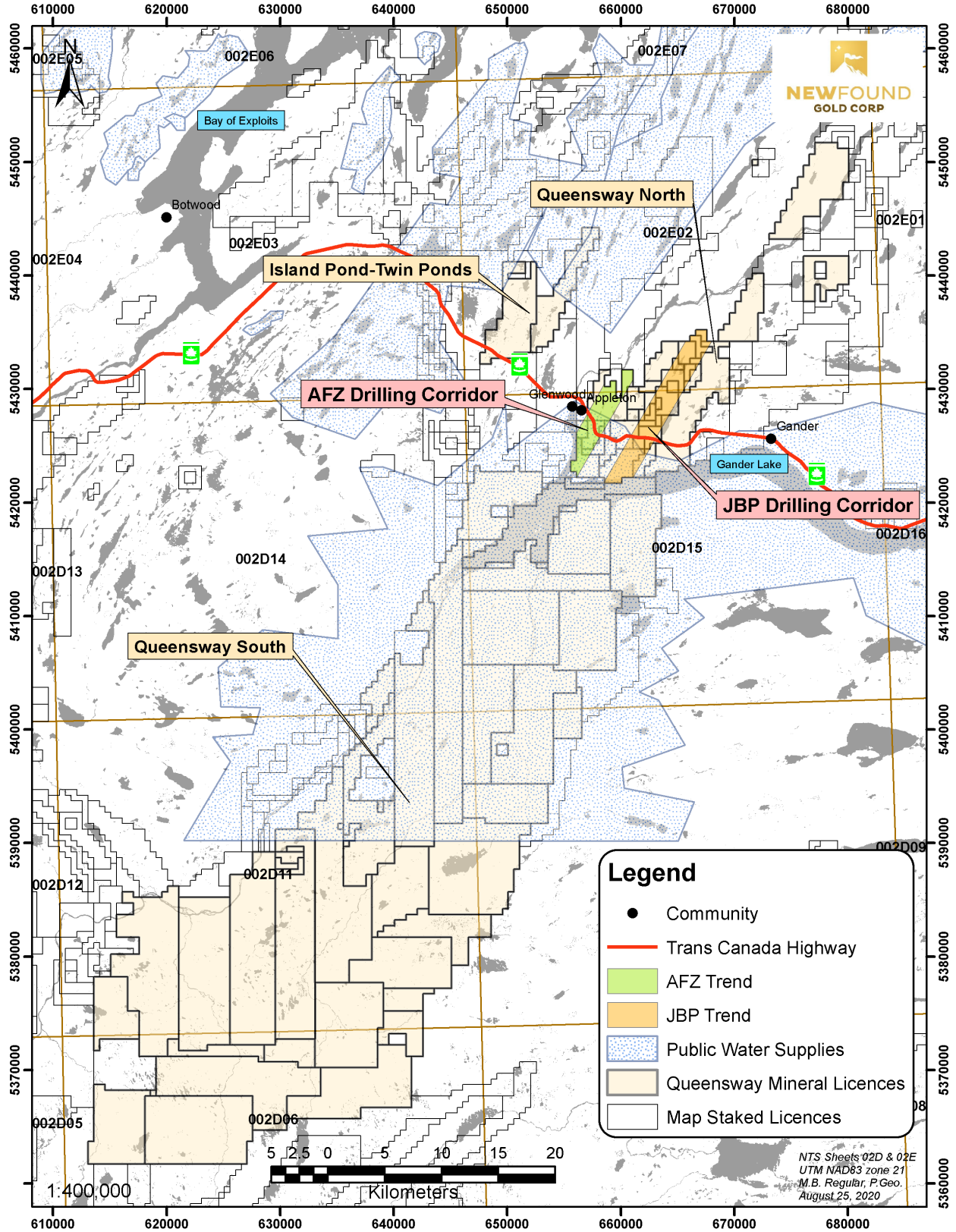


Figure 2-Queensway North - Location Map - central Newfoundland (1:400,000)

The climate is blended maritime-humid continental, with pleasant summers, a cool, wet, spring and autumn, and snowy, often windy, winters. Summer temperatures are typically in the low to mid 20's but highs can peak at over 30 degrees C. Winter temperatures range from -15 or occasionally colder to +5 or more during warmer winters however temperatures are variable averaging a high of 16 degrees C and a low of 0 degrees C. Snow usually occurs from December through April but can start earlier and extend later. Rainfall occurs through the spring, summer and fall mainly as showers to heavy rain, frequently with strong winds. Weather is dominated by ocean currents, prevailing westerlies, and storms from the Maritimes / Canada from the west or south along the US eastern seaboard.

The most local waterbodies to the drilling area include South Herman's Pond, North Herman's Pond, H-Pond and Pocket Pond. Indicated on Maps 3 and the review maps in Appendix 2. With existing 30m buffers on all waterbodies in the project area, no work is planned within that 30m buffer. A 300m buffer has been placed on the perimeter of Gander Lake and no work is planned within that buffer zone.

The total area covered by a single drilling pad is approximately 0.0625Ha and estimated that each drilling pad requires 0.05Ha of trail development in support as one trail can service multiple drill pad locations. As a results-driven industry, mineral exploration makes final decisions on exact drill pad locations based on successive information collected. The general drilling area is known based on geological features and as such several areas are defined on the accompanying review maps in Appendix 2 without indicating the exact location of trail/drill pad development.

The planned drilling areas cover 4800 Hectares within which 750 drill pad locations are planned to cover a maximum of 48.875Ha of drill pads and 37.5Ha of drill access trails. Noting that this constitutes 1.8 % of the total drilling area indicated on maps 2 thru 9. Noting that the area listed above is a maximum size of development based on the successful discovery of gold mineralization.

Drill pads and trails throughout the Joe Batt's Pond region was recently harvested and will require no removal of vegetation prior to work. Other Areas contain varying degrees of second-generation growth such as that along the Appleton Fault Zone (Figure 3 and review maps in Appendix 2).

iii) **Construction**

The construction of drill pad areas and access trails by the company is ongoing at the project site since August of 2019 under a number of permits covering the exploration activities and other related development. Clearing of drill pad areas and access trails has occurred intermittently at this project site since 1991 with over 200 such sites.

The construction by the company being concurrent with the operation is expected to continue through to December 2021 although decisions to continue the operation in mid-2021 may see the operation continue several years past that date. As the exact location of drill pad locations and trails are not known until several weeks prior to their construction this process occurs concurrently with the operation of the diamond drill. This also occurs concurrently with progressive rehabilitation of the drill pad locations once drill work has ceased at those sites.

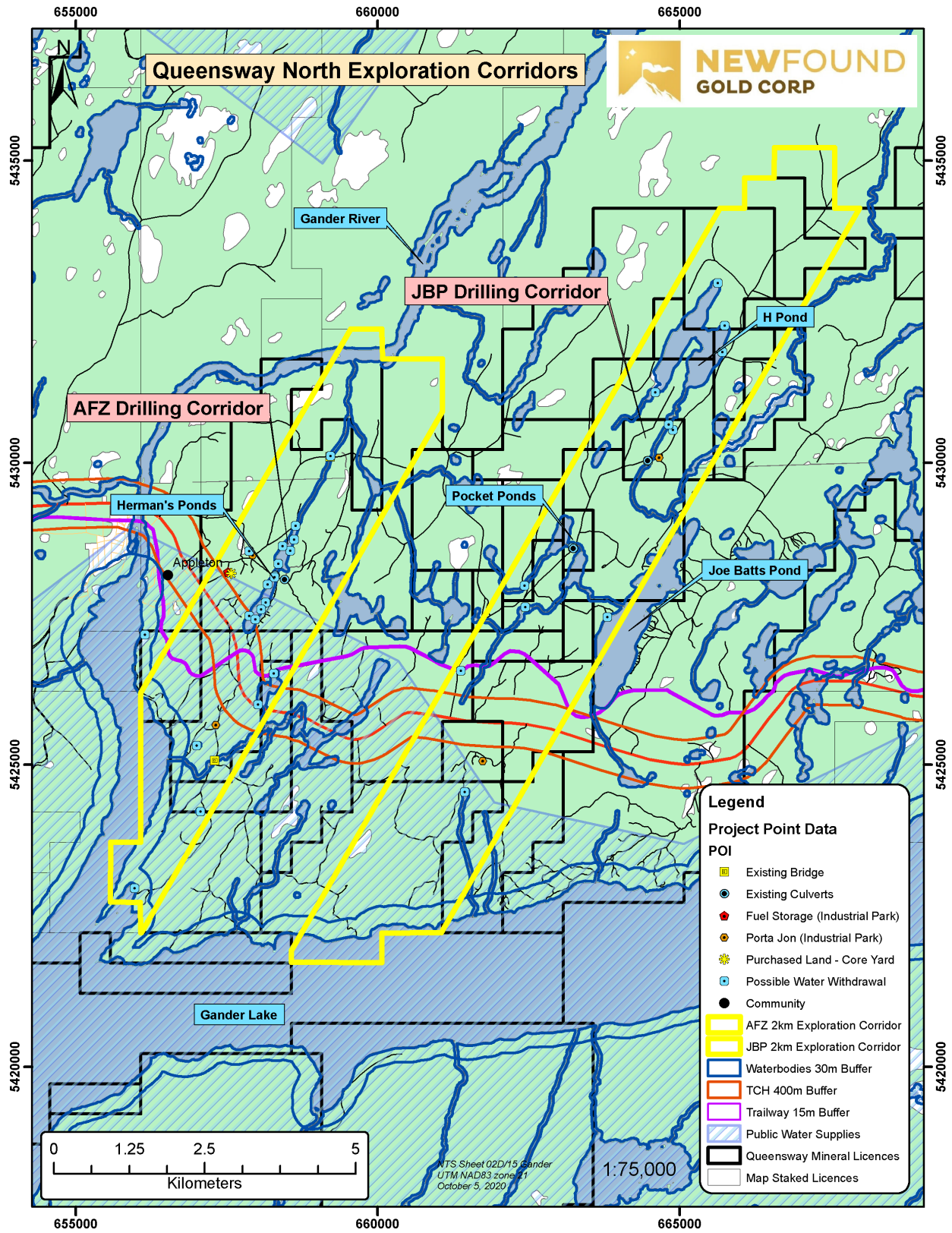


Figure 3 - Queensway North - Planned Exploration Activity Map (1:75,000)

All activity associated with the proposed drill program will be isolated to two existing exploration corridors (Figure 3). Construction is of only temporary sites and no permanent construction is planned at this time. Pictures 1 and 2 show typical drill pad setups.

Drill pads and trails do not require the use of aggregates or other materials and no stream crossings are planned.

Site clearing is conducted with an excavator mounted “mulcher” which grinds the vegetation and small trees into wood chips leaving the root mass intact so that the drill pad sites and trails are passable by heavy tracked vehicle (Pictures 1 and 2). Chainsaws are used for the felling of larger merchantable timber.

Potential sources of pollutants during the construction process could include air emissions from mobile heavy equipment (excavator) and potential for petroleum spills (excavator-diesel fuel/hydraulic oil, chainsaw-gasoline). Solid waste materials will include any merchantable timber encountered in the clearing process.

Air pollution will be controlled by having all equipment on site fitted with the appropriate emission-control equipment. Noise levels associated with the work are not expected to reach harmful levels as they will be in areas removed from local infrastructure. The nearest residential areas are over 1 km from the project site.

Site clearing will occur in phases, as needed, and noise levels are not anticipated to exceed maximum allowable levels at the Town of Appleton. The use of modern low noise core drill rigs and daytime use of heavy machinery (excavators etc.) will generate no noise exceeding that already witnessed from the Trans-Canada Highway. There have been no documented complaints of noise being an issue in or around the proposed drilling areas which has received significant previous exploration since the late 1990’s. Workers will have the proper hearing protection at the work sites which are controlled work environments. Domestic waste will be collected and disposed of in accordance with the Waste Material Disposal Act with onsite waste in PortaPotties handled and maintained by an approved service provider.

Fuel for construction equipment will not be stored on site but will be brought in as required by a petroleum product service company. The handling of petroleum products on site will comply with the Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations. Complete and regularly checked emergency spill kits will be available on site for containment and cleanup of any hydrocarbon leaks or spills.

The erosion and transport of fine-grained particles in water during exploration will be controlled by using appropriate mitigating measures such as erosion control ditches, hay bales, silt fencing and berms.

An emergency spill response plan (Appendix 4) is in place and emergency response teams are on 24hr call from PES (Petroleum and Environmental Services inc.) located less than 1 km from the project site.

Reclamation of drill pads and trails occurs concurrently with the operation and construction and includes the redistribution of vegetation or other organic materials around the site, removal of all

drill cutting from sumps at the site with hydravac trucks for disposal at an approved waste disposal site, regrading of any ruts left from the tracked vehicles, seeding of areas that cleared of vegetation and use of hay to stop any erosion of soil.



Picture 1- Aerial Image of a Cleared Drill Pad Site



Picture 2-Ground Image of Cleared Drill Pads and Drill Trail

iv) **Operation**

The Company plans to operate a diamond drill at each of the proposed drill pad sites. Diamond drilling involves the operation of a diamond core drill which is supported by a D-6 style bulldozer for mobility of the drilling rig. Water is used in the drilling process to remove drill cuttings (rock flour) from the drill hole and a small water pump is used to pump water to the diamond drill either from fresh or recycled sources.

Operation by the company is expected to continue through to December 2021 although decisions to continue the operation in mid-2021 may see the operation continue several years past that date. Diamond drilling is ongoing at the project site by the company since November 2019 and diamond drilling has occurred at this project site intermittently since 1991.

The diamond drill produces drill cores of approximately 6.3cm in diameter by using diamond encrusted drill bits to drill through the bedrock. The samples are removed from the drill pipe and placed into wooden boxes for transport and storage. The volume of the core removed from a nominal 300m drill hole is approximately 0.9m³. The total volume of drill core samples to be removed from all 750 drill holes will be 675m³ across nearly 4,800 hectares.

Drill cores are removed from the site and transported to the company's drill core logging location where geologists and technicians process and sample the drill cores for geological information, gold and other analysis.

Effluent from the diamond core drill (a mixture of rock flour and water) is retained at the drilling site through the use of sumps to allow for the collection of solids with the water then being recycled back into the drilling rigs.

A vacuum truck is then employed to remove the effluent from the drilling site after the drill hole is completed with disposal at an approved site.

Since the diamond drill is not self-mobile, a bulldozer is used to drag the drilling rig from each drill pad location to the next drill pad location.

Pickup trucks and track mounted mobile vehicles are employed for the transportation of drill core and personnel to and from the drill sites.

Potential sources of pollutants from this activity include the liquid effluent from the drill (rock flour) which is a clay laden water and shall be prevented from entering any water courses using temporary containment sumps prior to removal from site. Petroleum products used by the diamond drill and bulldozer include diesel fuel and hydraulic oil. Gasoline used in the pickup trucks. Air emissions from the bulldozer, diamond drill and water pump.

Potential resource conflicts could include recreational uses such as berry picking, firewood cutting, hunting, fishing, wildlife issues, and forestry.

Fuel for construction equipment will not be stored on site but will be brought in as required by a petroleum product service company. The handling of petroleum products on site will comply with the Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations. Complete and

regularly checked emergency spill kits will be available on site for containment and cleanup of any hydrocarbon leaks or spills.

The erosion and transport of fine-grained particles in water during exploration will be controlled by using appropriate mitigating measures such as erosion control ditches, hay bales, silt fencing and berms.

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v) **Occupations**

Contractor personnel working at the project site will include:

Diamond Driller (7372) – Total Number Employed: 48
Heavy Equipment Operator (7521) – Total Number Employed: 3
Supervisor (8221) – Total Number Employed: 6

Company employees working at the project site will include:

Land Surveyor (2254) – Total Number Employed: 1
Labourer (8614) – Total Number Employed: 6
Environmental Technician (2263) – Total Number Employed: 1
Logistics Manager (0016) – Total Number Employed: 1

Company employees working on/off-site (in Gander) will include:

Geological Technicians (2212) – Total Number Employed: 10
Labourers (8614): Total Number Employed: 20
Geologists (2113) – Total Number Employed: 16
Managers (0016) – Total Number Employed: 2
Health and Safety Manager (2263) – Total Number Employed: 1

The company is an equal opportunity employer and seeks to as well as maintain diversity in its workforce including the hiring of women, men, transgender, minorities and first nations.

The company's current on-site workforce as above is 37% female with the highest paying Geologist and Management positions represented by 62% women.

vi) **Project Related Documents**

DEL Exploration. 2020. *National Instrument 43-101: Technical Report on the Queensway Gold Project, Newfoundland, Canada.*

(<https://newfoundgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/NFGC-Technical-Report.pdf>)

New Found Gold Corp. 2020. *Emergency Spill Response Plan.* (Appendix 4)

5.0 Approval of the Undertaking:

Approvals currently in place:

The project currently has all the necessary approvals to be carried out with 9 permits in place including 253 conditions placed upon that work. These permits can be found in Appendix 3.

- 1) **Permit to Alter a Body of Water – Culvert Installation**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division
Permit # ALT10647-2019
Conditions imposed: 35
- 2) **Exploration Approval – Diamond Drilling, Trenching**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Natural Resources Mineral Lands Division
Permit # E190086
Conditions imposed: 36
- 3) **Exploration Approval – Surface Geochemistry**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Natural Resources Mineral Lands Division
Permit # E200265
Conditions imposed: 14
- 4) **Operating Permit**
Forest Service of Newfoundland and Labrador
Conditions Imposed: 10
- 5) **Operating Permit**
Forest Service of Newfoundland and Labrador
Conditions Imposed: 10
- 6) **Permit for Development – Road Rehabilitation**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division
Permit # PRO11194-2020
Conditions Imposed: 37

- 7) **Permit for Development – Diamond Drilling and Trenching**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division
Permit # PRO11270-2020
Conditions Imposed: 53

- 8) **Water Use License/Permit – Diamond Drilling and Trenching**
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division
Permit #: WUL/P-19-10559
Conditions Imposed: 24

- 9) **Exploration Approval – Diamond Drilling, Fuel Storage**
Department of Industry, Energy, and Technology Mineral Lands Division
Permit #: E200303
Conditions Imposed: 34

To continue its exploration the company requires the following permits which are in process:

Water Use License/Permit – Diamond Drilling and Trenching
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division

Permit for Development (Section 39) – Diamond Drilling and Trenching
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Water Resources Management Division

6.0 Schedule

The company began its diamond drilling campaign in November 2019 and seeks to continue this program throughout 2021. A decision to continue beyond that date will be made in mid-2021 as the company is affected by many factors including exploration success rate and the price of the underlying commodity (gold).

7.0 Funding

Funding for the exploration activities and associated permitting requirements will be provided directly from the proponent with a proposed 2020/21 budget of \$22 million already available from working capital.

Definition of gold resources will involve mineral exploration activities such as prospecting, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, both ground and airborne, and geochemical surveys followed by trenching and core drilling to test targets generated by the exploration.

8.0 Limitations

This Environmental Registration document has been prepared by New Found Gold Corp. personnel who have extensive knowledge of mineral exploration, project development and the environmental concerns related to mineral exploration. Many of the personnel have been involved with similar exploration programs in other areas of Canada and have been involved with the permitting and ongoing environmental concerns with these programs.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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Appendix 1

List of Mineral Exploration Licences
held by
New Found Gold Corp.
at the
Queensway Gold Project

Licence	File	Location	Area	Claims	Recorded Date	Issued Date	NTS Map Sheets	Area (km ²)
006821M	7743525	Gander River, Central NL	NQGP	2	1999-04-16	1999-05-17	02E02	0.50
007984M	7743250	Glenwood, Central NL	NQGP	50		1998-11-13	02D15,02E02	12.50
022216M	7754481	Glenwood, Central NL	NQGP	6	2014-05-13	2014-06-12	02D15	1.50
022236M	7754507	Southwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	5	2014-05-13	2014-06-12	02D11	1.25
022260M	7754531	Southwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	1	2014-05-14	2014-06-13	02D11	0.25
022342M	7754577	Southwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	1	2014-07-26	2014-08-25	02D11	0.25
022491M	7754681	Gander Lake Area, Central NL	NQGP	12	2014-10-07	2014-11-06	02D15	3.00
023239M	7755127	Pauls Pond, Central NL	SQGP	2	2015-07-13	2015-08-12	02D11	0.50
023495M	7755327	Northwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	5	2015-10-20	2015-11-19	02D11	1.25
023498M	7755330	Northwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	8	2015-10-20	2015-11-19	02D11	2.00
023720M	7744480	Glenwood, Central NL	NQGP	4		2001-12-31	02D15,02E02	1.00
023721M	7744480	Glenwood, Central NL	NQGP	2		2001-12-31	02D15	0.50
023804M	7744192	Glenwood, Central NL	NQGP	12		2001-02-19	02D15	3.00
023860M	7755566	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	11	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02E02	2.75
023861M	7755567	Joe Batts Pond, Central NL	NQGP	16	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02D15,02E02	4.00
023862M	7755568	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	4	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02E02	1.00
023863M	7755569	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	11	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02D15,02E02	2.75
023864M	7755570	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	3	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02E02	0.75
023866M	7755572	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	4	2016-03-08	2016-04-07	02D15	1.00
023874M	7755580	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	8	2016-03-11	2016-04-11	02D15,02E02	2.00
023875M	7755581	Joe Batts Pond, Central NL	NQGP	3	2016-03-13	2016-04-12	02D15	0.75
023881M	7755586	Joe Batts Brook, Central NL	NQGP	7	2016-03-22	2016-04-21	02E02	1.75
023916M	7755618	Gander Lake Area, Central NL	NQGP	4	2016-04-05	2016-05-05	02D15	1.00
023962M	7755652	The Outflow, Central NL	NQGP	9	2016-04-19	2016-05-19	02D15	2.25
023987M	7755678	Joe Batts Pond Area, Central NL	NQGP	11	2016-05-08	2016-06-07	02D15,02E02	2.75
024026M	7755714	Joe Batts Pond Area, Central NL	NQGP	6	2016-05-31	2016-06-30	02D15	1.50
024031M	7755719	Joe Batts Pond Area, Central NL	NQGP	6	2016-05-31	2016-06-30	02D15,02E02	1.50
024136M	7755800	Gander River Area, Central NL	NQGP	25	2016-08-14	2016-09-13	02E02	6.25
024138M	7755801	Gander Lake, Central NL	NQGP	21	2016-08-16	2016-09-15	02D15	5.25
024139M	7755802	Gander Lake, Central NL	NQGP	30	2016-08-16	2016-09-15	02D15	7.50
024140M	7755803	Joe Batts Pond, Central NL	NQGP	2	2016-08-16	2016-09-15	02D15	0.50
024141M	7755804	Joe Batts Pond Area, Central NL	NQGP	2	2016-08-16	2016-09-15	02D15	0.50
024264M	7755916	Joe Batts Pond Area, Central NL	NQGP	4	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02D15	1.00
024265M	7755917	Appleton, Central NL	NQGP	12	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02D15	3.00
024266M	7755918	Joe Batts Pond, Central NL	NQGP	128	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02D15,02E02	32.00
024267M	7755919	Jonathans Second Pond, Central NL	NQGP	45	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02E02	11.25
024268M	7755920	Millers Brook, Central NL	NQGP	56	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02E02	14.00
024270M	7755922	Island Pond, Central NL	NQGP	107	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02E02	26.75
024274M	7755926	Twin Ponds, Central NL	NQGP	77	2016-09-23	2016-10-24	02E02	19.25
024435M	7756066	Greenwood Pond, Central NL	SQGP	7	2016-10-21	2016-11-21	02D11	1.75
024436M	7756067	Greenwood Pond, Central NL	SQGP	3	2016-10-21	2016-11-21	02D11	0.75

Appendix 3: List of Queensway Gold Project Mineral Licences

Licence	File	Location	Area	Claims	Recorded Date	Issued Date	NTS Map Sheets	Area (km ²)
024557M	7756131	Bear Pond, Central NL	SQGP	250	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D06,02D11	62.50
024558M	7756132	Great Gull River, Central NL	SQGP	239	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D06,02D11	59.75
024559M	7756133	Northwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	256	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D11,02D14	64.00
024560M	7756134	Careless Brook, Central NL	SQGP	121	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D14,02D15	30.25
024561M	7756135	Eastern Pond, Central NL	SQGP	256	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D06,02D11	64.00
024562M	7756136	Hussey Pond, Central NL	SQGP	241	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D11,02D14	60.25
024563M	7756137	Eastern Pond, Central NL	SQGP	236	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D06,02D11	59.00
024565M	7756139	Gander Lake, Central NL	SQGP	12	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D14,02D15	3.00
024566M	7756140	Gander Lake, Central NL	SQGP	125	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D15	31.25
024567M	7756141	Gander Lake, Central NL	SQGP	106	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D14,02D15	26.52
024568M	7756142	Birch Pond, Central NL	SQGP	254	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D11	63.50
024569M	7756143	Southwest Gander River, Central NL	SQGP	221	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D14,02D15	55.25
024570M	7756144	Dennis Brook, Central NL	SQGP	117	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D11	29.25
024571M	7756145	Winter Brook, Central NL	SQGP	153	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D10,02D11,02D14,02D15	38.25
024997M	7756477	Glenwood Area, Central NL	NQGP	21	2017-03-28	2017-04-27	02D15	5.25
025008M	7756494	Gander Lake, Central NL	NQGP	13	2017-04-04	2017-05-04	02D15	3.25
025766M	7756130	Pauls Pond, Central NL	SQGP	163	2016-11-10	2016-12-12	02D11,02D14	40.75
026074M	7757373		NQGP	3	2018-05-01	2018-05-31	02E02	0.75
030710M	7758172		SQGP	144	2020-04-02	5/2/2020	02D15	36.00
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Appendix 3: List of Queensway Gold Project Mineral Licences

Licence	File	Location	Area	Claims	Recorded Date	Issued Date	NTS Map Sheets	Area (km ²)
030768M	7758332		NQGP	149	2020-04-02	5/2/2020	02D15	37.25
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Appendix 2

Project Review Maps

Tabloid (11" X 17")

Scale 1:12,500

Map 1	Appleton Fault Zone North – Planned Exploration	1:12,500
Map 2	Appleton Fault Zone South – Planned Exploration	1:12,500
Map 3	Joe Batts Pond Deformation Zone S – Planned Exploration	1:12,500
Map 4	Joe Batts Pond Deformation Zone N1 – Planned Exploration	1:12,500
Map 5	Joe Batts Pond Deformation Zone N2 – Planned Exploration	1:12,500
Map 6	Joe Batts Pond Deformation Zone N3 – Planned Exploration	1:12,500

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Appleton Fault Zone - North of TCH



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Appleton Industrial Park

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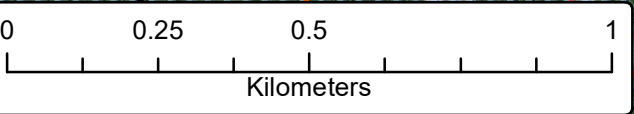
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Project Point Data

POI

- Existing Bridge
- Existing Culvert
- Fuel Storage (Industrial Park)
- Porta Jon
- Core Yard (Industrial Park)
- Possible Water Withdrawal

Queensway_Roads

Class

- Trans Canada
- Forest Access
- Town Roads
- T'Railway
- Waterbodies 30m Buffer
- TCH 400m Buffer
- Trailway 15m Buffer
- Public Water Supplies
- Queensway Mineral Licences
- AFZ 2km Drilling Corridor
- Map Staked Licences

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Appleton Fault Zone - South of TCH



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Appleton Quarries

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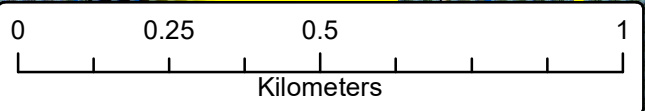
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- Existing Bridge
- Porta Jon
- Possible Water Withdrawal

Roads

Class

- Trans Canada
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- Town Roads
- T'Railway
- Waterbodies 30m Buffer
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- Trailway 15m Buffer
- Public Water Supplies
- Queensway Mineral Licences
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- Map Staked Licences



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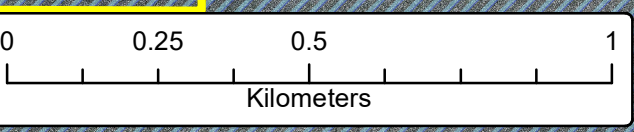


Scotts Farm (For Sale)

Older Quarry Area

JBP Drilling Corridor

Gander Lake



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Project Point Data

POI

- Porta Jon
- Possible Water Withdrawal

Queensway_Roads

Class

- Trans Canada
- Forest Access
- Waterbodies 30m Buffer
- TCH 400m Buffer
- Public Water Supplies
- Queensway Mineral Licences
- Map Staked Licences
- JBP 2km Drilling Corridor

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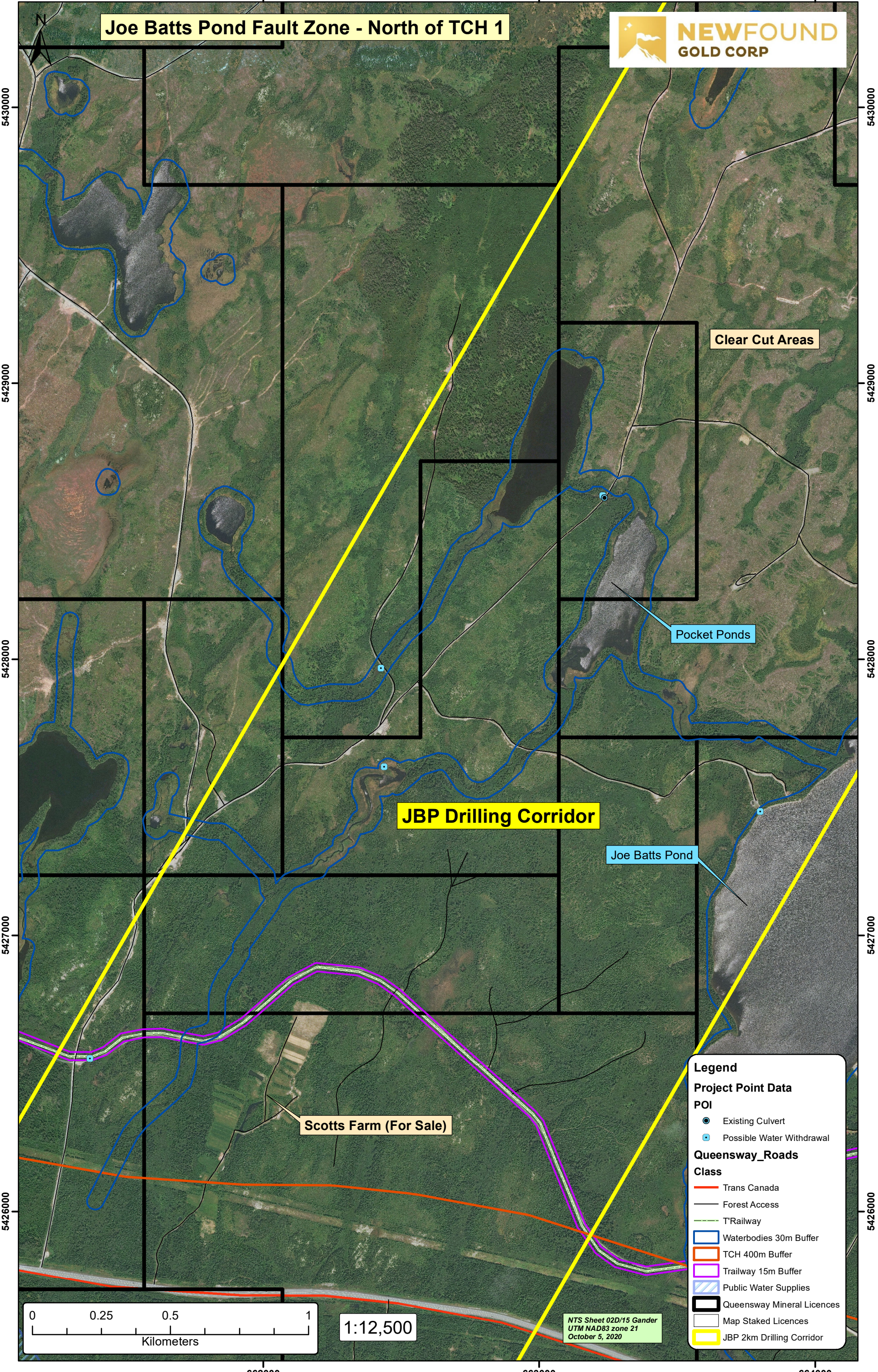
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Joe Batts Pond Fault Zone - North of TCH 1



Clear Cut Areas

Pocket Ponds

JBP Drilling Corridor

Joe Batts Pond

Scotts Farm (For Sale)

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Project Point Data

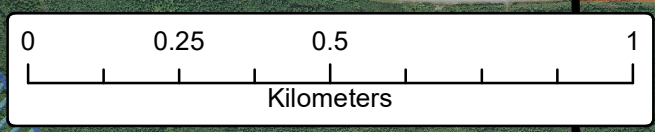
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- Existing Culvert
- Possible Water Withdrawal

Queensway_Roads

Class

- Trans Canada
- Forest Access
- T'Railway
- Waterbodies 30m Buffer
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- Trailway 15m Buffer
- Public Water Supplies
- Queensway Mineral Licences
- Map Staked Licences
- JBP 2km Drilling Corridor



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Joe Batts Pond Fault Zone - North of TCH 2



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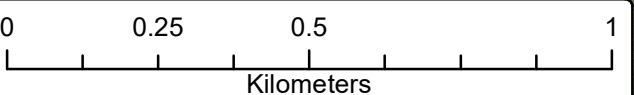
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- Existing Culvert
- Porta Jon
- Possible Water Withdrawal

Queensway_Roads

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- Waterbodies 30m Buffer
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- Map Staked Licences
- JBP 2km Drilling Corridor

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Joe Batts Pond Fault Zone - North of TCH 3



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Joe Batts Brook

H Pond

Clear Cut Areas

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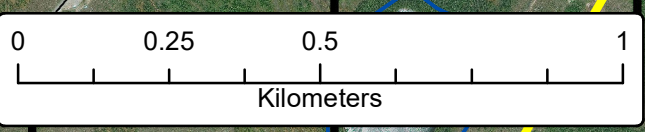
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Appendix 3

Permits and Approvals



PERMIT TO ALTER A BODY OF WATER

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 48

Date: **SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

File No: **525**

Permit No: **ALT10647-2019**

Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.**
69 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M5E 1K3
gmatheson@newfoundgold.ca

Attention: **Mr. Greg Matheson**

Re: **Town of Appleton (Unnamed Brook) - Culvert Installation**

Permission is hereby given for : **the installation of a 700 mm diameter HDPE culvert across an unnamed brook (48.985817N, 54.83651W) near the town of Appleton for the purpose of accessing areas for mineral exploration, with reference to the application dated August 26, 2019 and additional information received on September 10, 2019.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amin", with a horizontal line underneath.

(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

Culvert Design

1. A 10 metre long - 700 mm diameter HDPE culvert may be installed across an unnamed stream near the Town of Appleton.
2. The crossing structure must provide adequate capacity to safely discharge flood flows without causing backwater effects upstream or increased flow velocity downstream.
3. To safely convey peak flows the culvert installations must be designed according to the following hydraulic criteria:

Crossing Name / No.	Design Return Period (years)	Design Flow (m³/s)	Minimum Size (mm)	Number of Pipes	Length (m)
Crossing 1	10	1.35	700	1	10

Culvert Installation

4. Drainage ditches must collect and transport surface runoff in a manner that does not cause flooding, erosion or sedimentation of adjacent land or receiving waters.
5. Inlet and outlet areas of culvert installations must be adequately protected from erosion by placing rip-rap, fitted stone, or concrete headwalls.
6. Culvert installations must follow the stream channel gradient to the maximum extent possible and placed in line with the direction of the main flow to minimize disturbance to the channel. Culverts must not disrupt the flow of water or cause ponding at the upstream side of the installation.
7. In multiple culvert installations, one culvert must be set a minimum of 150 mm lower than the others to provide adequate water depth and velocity for fish passage during low flow conditions. In addition, multiple culverts must be installed within 0.6 to 0.9 metres apart for maximum stability.
8. Where pumping is used to bypass flow, cofferdams must be installed both above and below areas of construction. The Permit Holder must provide pumps with sufficient capacity to prevent washout of cofferdams.
9. Cofferdams must be properly designed and constructed of suitable materials to prevent leakage and to resist loss of any material as a result of erosion. Cofferdams must be removed upon completion of their intended function. All material must be removed carefully to prevent disturbance of the water body and to prevent water quality degradation.
10. All work involving minor alteration to the stream channel to permit culvert placement must be carried out at a time of low flow, and in a manner that prevents downstream siltation and unnecessary alteration of the channel.
11. Grading and finishing of roadways or road embankments must not cause damage to culverts or allow road material to enter the watercourse.

12. Roadside embankments near the watercourse must be adequately protected from erosion by sodding, seeding or placing of rip-rap.
13. Culverts must be inspected regularly so that immediate action can be taken to clear blockages caused by ice or debris or to undertake repairs as required.
14. The inlet and outlet of culverts must be clearly marked so that operators of road grading and snow clearing equipment can avoid blocking culverts.
15. Any damage to culverts during installation or due to inadequate capacity and/or improper construction must be reported to this Department. Damaged culverts must be replaced immediately to prevent overtopping, erosion, or flooding.
16. If a culvert is installed in natural fish habitat it must be embedded a minimum of 150 mm below the natural streambed (up to a maximum of 1/3 of the culvert diameter).

General Alterations

17. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
18. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
19. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
20. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
21. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
22. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
23. During the construction of concrete components, formwork must be properly constructed to prevent any fresh concrete from entering a body of water. Dumping of concrete or washing of tools and equipment in any body of water is prohibited.
24. Wood preservatives such as penta, CCA or other such chemicals must not be applied to timber near a body of water. All treated wood or timber must be thoroughly dry before being brought to any work site and installed.
25. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
26. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
27. All waste materials resulting from this project must be disposed of at a site approved by the Department of Service NL.

28. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
29. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
30. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
31. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.
32. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 10647 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
33. This Permit is valid for two years from the date of issue. Work must be completed by that date or the application and approval procedure must be repeated.
34. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
35. All work must be carried out within the Permit Holder's legal property boundaries.

APPENDIX B
Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

cc: Mr. Bradley Burton
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Gander, NL, A1V 1C9
bburton@cecon.ca

cc: Amir Ali Khan, Ph.D., P.Eng.
Manager, Water Rights, Investigations and Modelling Section
Water Resources Management Division
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
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4th Floor, West Block, Confederation Building
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
akhan@gov.nl.ca

cc: File Copy for Binder

cc: Dave Mercer (Central)
Land Management Specialist
Crown Lands Administration Division
Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
davemercer@gov.nl.ca

cc: Fisheries Protection Division
Ecosystem Management Branch
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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Appendix C - Completion Report

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 48

Date: **SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

File No: **525**
Permit No: **ALT10647-2019**

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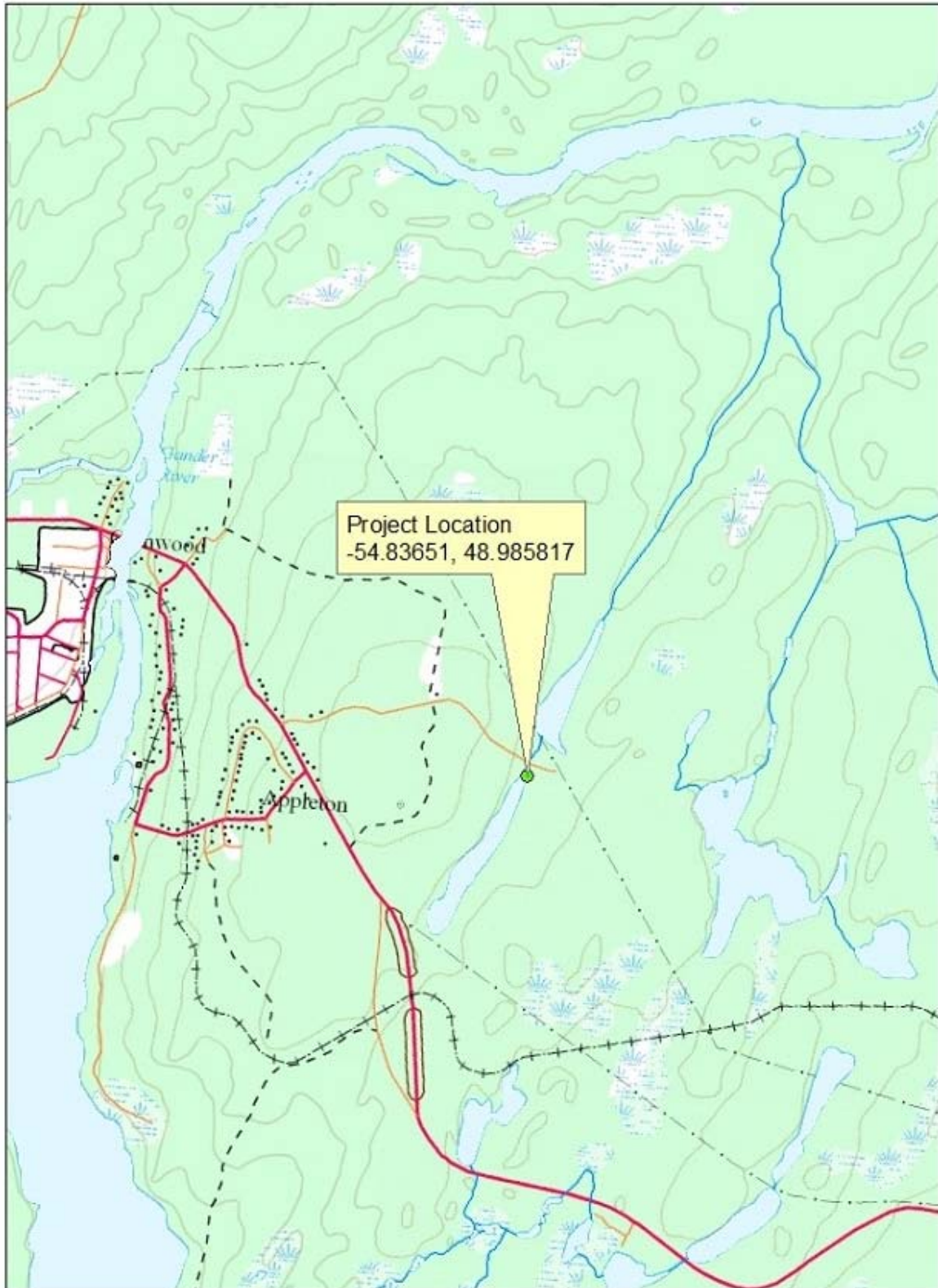
I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

APPENDIX D
Location Map for Permit



August 4, 2020

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Peter Dimmell
New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Road
St. John's, NL
A1B 2R2

Dear Mr. Dimmell:

**Exploration Approval (50 DDH, 50 Trenches,
Ground Geophysics, Geochemical Survey,
Prospecting) for New Found Gold Corp.
on the Linear North Property, NTS 2D/15, 2E/02
Licences: 006821M, 007984M, 022216M,
022491M, 023720M, 023721M, 023804M,
023860M, 023861M, 023862M, 023863M,
023864M, 023866M, 023874M, 023875M,
023881M, 023916M, 023962M, 023987M,
024026M, 024031M, 024136M, 024138M,
024139M, 024140M, 024141M, 024264M,
024265M, 024266M, 024268M, 024997M,
025008M, 026074M:**

Your proposed exploration program submitted in compliance with Section 5(4) of the **Mineral Act** has been reviewed and approved.

The following conditions apply:

1. The Proponent, its employees, agents and subcontractors ("Proponent") shall comply with the **Mineral Regulations**, in particular sections 41 – 45. The **Mineral Regulations** can be read at: <http://assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc961143.htm>
2. This approval may be cancelled or suspended by the Minister if the Proponent fails to comply with any condition in this approval or as a result of a failure to comply with the **Mineral Act**, **Mineral Regulations** or any other provincial law or regulation. Upon cancellation or suspension of this approval the Proponent shall immediately cease all exploration activities.
3. The Proponent shall comply with any other Provincial and Federal act or regulation, and obtain all permits that may be required in connection with the exploration activity.

4. As required by Section 42 of the **Mineral Regulations**, the Proponent shall notify the Mineral Lands Division of any significant changes to the approved exploration plan, and shall not proceed with exploration work, preparatory work or site access that deviates substantially from the approved exploration plan or deviates from the approved exploration plan in a manner which may significantly impact the environment without first receiving written authorization from the Mineral Lands Division.
5. The Proponent shall provide the Mineral Lands Division with:
 - a) a brief notice immediately before beginning the work;
 - b) a brief update of the status of the exploration program when it is completed.Notices and updates should be sent to exploration_approval@gov.nl.ca
6. At any time the Mineral Lands Division may issue a request for information regarding completed, ongoing or planned exploration and the Proponent agrees to abide by all such requests without undue delay. The information requested may include but is not limited to: the location of exploration sites (including access trails), site preparation methods, the status of rehabilitation and cleanup, and photographic documentation of site conditions.
7. If exploration work is to take place on lands not vested in the Crown, as per section 12(2) of the **Mineral Act**, the licensee shall obtain prior written permission and forward copies to the Mineral Lands Division.
8. Exploration work, including traditional prospecting, shall not be carried out on ground for which the mineral rights are held by another party unless permitted by an agreement registered with the Mineral Claims Recorder's office or unless written permission from the other party has been forwarded to the Mineral Lands Division. The Department's Geoscience Atlas is a current map of mineral rights held in the province. The Geoscience Atlas is located at: <http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/>
9. The Proponent shall ensure that all waste materials are placed in suitable refuse containers without undue delay and removed to a waste disposal site approved by Service NL to accept the type(s) of waste being disposed of. Service NL Government Service Centres are listed at: <http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/department/contact.html#locations>
10. The Proponent is advised of Section 45(1)(a) of the **Mineral Regulations** which requires that trenches and test pits are rehabilitated before the end of the exploration season in which they are excavated. Trench rehabilitation as per Section 45(1)(a) requires that the trench be backfilled and the original organic cover (topsoil, ground vegetation, and any trees not used for other purposes) be spread back over the backfilled site. If the original organic cover proves insufficient to completely re-cover the site then an organic substitute material must be used in addition to complete the process, provided that no invasive species are introduced. Acceptable substitute materials are straw, hay, trees having been cut in other parts of the exploration project area, or ground vegetation produced by hydroseeding. If the Proponent wishes to keep one or more trenches open beyond the expiry date of the approval then application must be made to the Mineral Lands Division, a security deposit posted, and approval issued by the department. Note that for the purposes of the Mineral Act "trench" is defined as any not insignificant excavation, however shallow or broad, for the purpose of studying or sampling the underlying bedrock, till, or soil.

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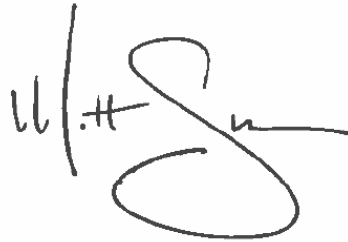
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This approval is due to expire on December 5, 2020.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact the Mineral Lands Division at exploration_approval@gov.nl.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Snow', with a large, stylized 'S' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

**Matthew Snow,
Exploration Approvals Geologist**

July 5, 2019

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Peter Dimmell
New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Road
St. John's, NL
A1B 2R2

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**Exploration Approval (50 DDH, 50 Trenches,
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Your proposed exploration program submitted in compliance with Section 5(4) of the *Mineral Act* has been reviewed and approved.

The following conditions apply:

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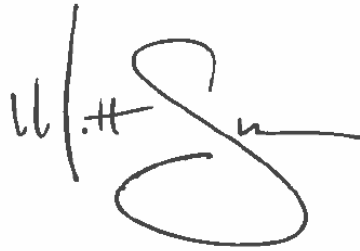
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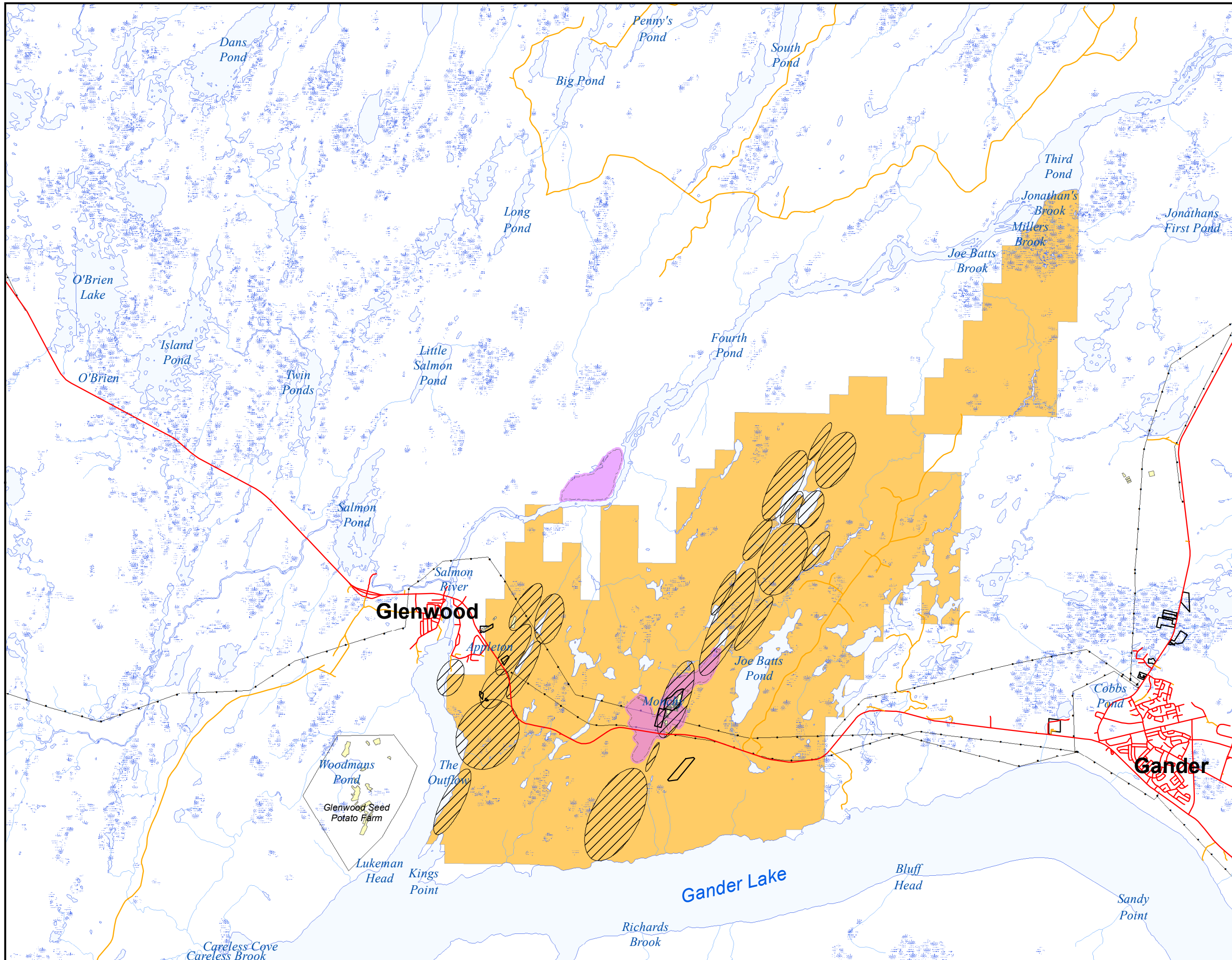
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Matthew Snow,
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New Found Gold Corp. Linear North Property Gander, NL



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- Exploration Area Boundary

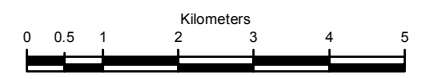
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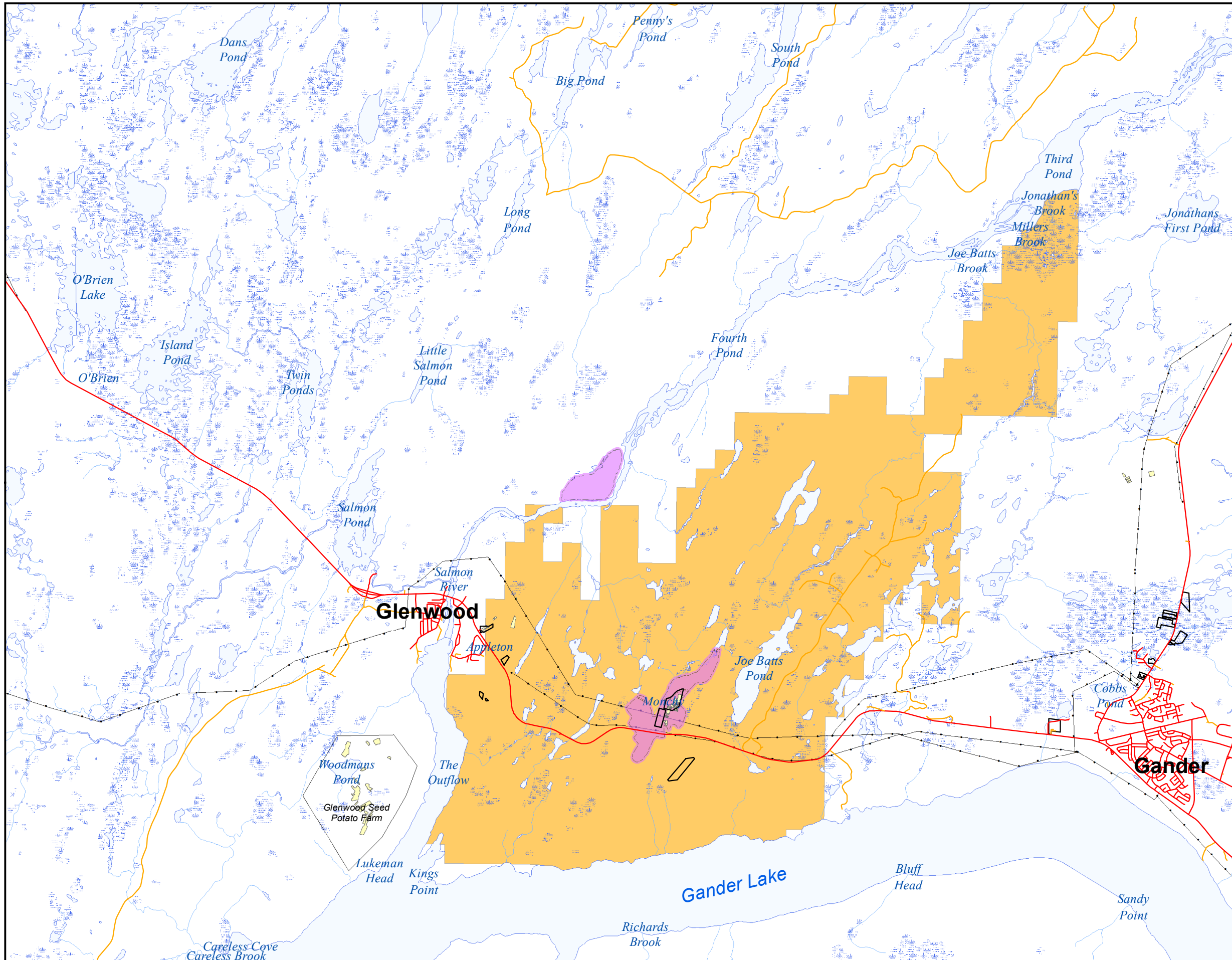
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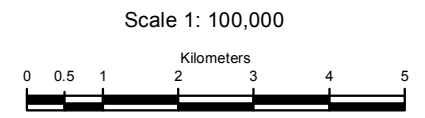
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Greg Matheson
New Found Gold Corp
69 Yonge Street Suit 1010
Toronto, ON
M5E 1K3

Dear Mr. Matheson:

Exploration Approval (Geochemical Survey,
Prospecting) for New Found Gold
on the Queensway Property
NTS: 2E/02, 2D/14, 2D/15,
2D/11, 2D/10, 2D/06
Licence: See attached list

Your proposed exploration program submitted in compliance with Section 5(4) of the **Mineral Act** has been reviewed and approved.

The following conditions apply:

1. The Proponent, its employees, agents and subcontractors ("Proponent") shall comply with the **Mineral Regulations**, in particular sections 41 – 45. The **Mineral Regulations** can be read at: <http://assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc961143.htm>
2. This approval may be cancelled or suspended by the Minister if the Proponent fails to comply with any condition in this approval or as a result of a failure to comply with the **Mineral Act**, **Mineral Regulations** or any other provincial law or regulation. Upon cancellation or suspension of this approval the Proponent shall immediately cease all exploration activities.
3. The Proponent shall comply with any other Provincial and Federal act or regulation, and obtain all permits that may be required in connection with the exploration activity.
4. As required by Section 42 of the **Mineral Regulations**, the Proponent shall notify the Mineral Lands Division of any significant changes to the approved exploration plan, and shall not proceed with exploration work, preparatory work or site access that deviates substantially from the approved exploration plan or deviates from the approved exploration plan in a manner which may significantly impact the environment without first receiving written authorization from the Mineral Lands Division.
5. The Proponent shall provide the Mineral Lands Division with:
 - a) a brief notice immediately before beginning the work;
 - b) a brief update of the status of the exploration program when it is completed.

Notices and updates should be sent to exploration_approval@gov.nl.ca

6. At any time the Mineral Lands Division may issue a request for information regarding completed, ongoing or planned exploration and the Proponent agrees to abide by all such requests without undue delay. The information requested may include but is not limited to: the location of exploration sites (including access trails), site preparation methods, the status of rehabilitation and cleanup, and photographic documentation of site conditions.
7. If exploration work is to take place on lands not vested in the Crown, as per section 12(2) of the **Mineral Act**, the licensee shall obtain prior written permission and forward copies to the Mineral Lands Division. Information regarding private land may be found on Crown Lands' Land Use Atlas: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/landuseatlas/details/>
8. Exploration work, including traditional prospecting, shall not be carried out on ground for which the mineral rights are held by another party unless permitted by an agreement registered with the Mineral Claims Recorder's office or unless written permission from the other party has been forwarded to the Mineral Lands Division. The Department's Geoscience Atlas is a current map of mineral rights held in the province. The Geoscience Atlas is located at: <http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/>
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 - c. during the Forest Fire Season a permit to burn must be obtained to ignite a fire on or within 300 meters of forest land.

Regional and Satellite Forestry contact information can be found at http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/department/contact_forestry.html#regional

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Copies of the **Historic Resources Act** and information on archaeology in the province may be obtained from the Provincial Archaeology Office upon request.

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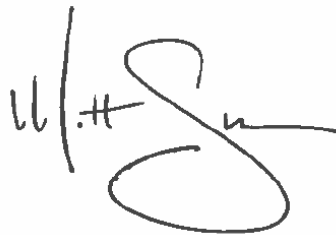
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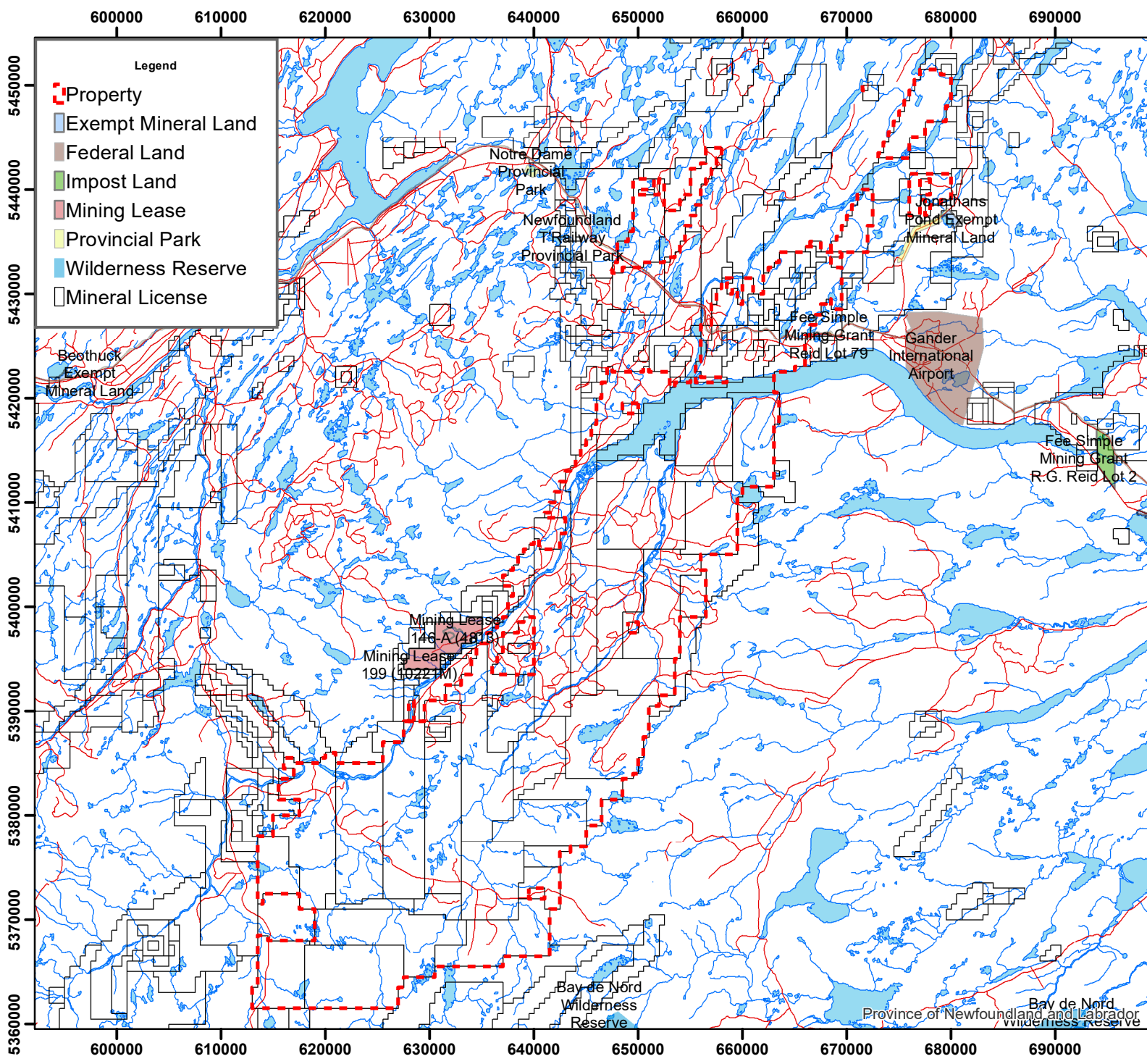
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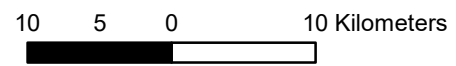
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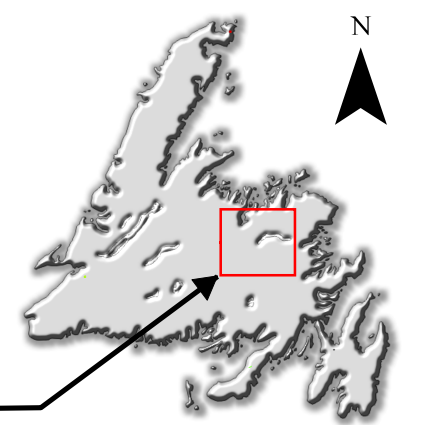
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Project



Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited

P. O. Box 2001

Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J4

Tel.: 709-637-3104 Fax: 709-637-3469

Mineral Exploration Company

Dear Sir/Madam:

As described in its Forest and Environmental Policy (attached), Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands takes its commitment to the environment very seriously.

For your information, CBPP Woodlands' Environmental Management System (EMS) is registered to the ISO 14001 Standard; its Sustainable Forest Management System is registered to the CSA Z-809 Standard; and the Forest Stewardship Council National Boreal Standard. Registration and maintenance of these internationally recognized standards require the Company to demonstrate continual environmental improvement. Our operations are externally audited regularly to ensure compliance with these standards.

Our EMS includes a commitment to meet or exceed legal requirements in the following areas:

- Maintenance of visual quality
- Potential for fuel spill
- Fibre recovery
- Collection and disposal of garbage
- Potential for degradation of water quality
- Potential for soil disturbance

As a company working on CBPPL's Defined Forest Area (Company Limits), you must be aware of your role in protecting the environment. Your cooperation is requested with respect to the above concerns, especially the proper storage and handling of fuel, the prevention of excessive ground disturbance and the retrieval of merchantable pulpwood. Any wood harvested should be sent to CBPPL. Contact the CBPP Woodlands to make arrangements for sale of pulpwood.

Please communicate these requirements to your employees. Your assistance in addressing these concerns will help ensure the protection of the environment.

If you have comments or questions about CBPP Woodlands' Environmental Management System, please contact me at the address above.

Thank you,

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Faron Knott
Environmental Management Representative

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Attachment – Forest & Environmental Policy

Forest and Environmental Policy

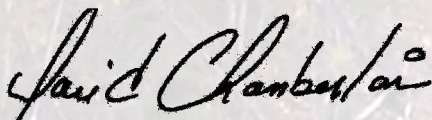
Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands Division

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands fully endorses the Kruger Inc. Corporate Forest Policy and Environmental Policy.

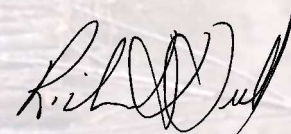
We will carry out our forest management activities to provide long-term sustainability and maintain natural biodiversity while supplying the fiber requirements for the Corner Brook mill. We are committed to responsible forest management that follows the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Boreal Standard. We shall:

- Commit to excellence and continual improvement in sustainable forest management and environmental performance on the land we manage.
- Conduct forest management activities in a responsible manner designed to protect the environment, the health and safety of our employees and the public.
- Plan and conduct our forest management activities in a manner that meets or exceeds legal and other requirements, including applicable Aboriginal and treaty rights and honour all international agreements and conventions to which Canada is signatory.
- Prevent pollution and protect key forest resources including timber, soil, water, wildlife, landscape, and biodiversity while managing for the forest's multiple uses, values and benefits.
- Set appropriate environmental objectives and targets, develop action plans to meet them, monitor progress and regularly review and update our objectives and targets.
- Use ecologically sound harvesting and silvicultural techniques to enhance the utilization of valuable timber resources and ensure that harvested areas are promptly regenerated.
- Promote public awareness and provide for public input, including from aboriginal people, into forest management planning.
- Promote environmental awareness among our employees and contractors and train employees in their specific environmental and forest management responsibilities.
- Increase our knowledge of sustainable forest management through the support of scientific research, and incorporate new technologies where applicable.
- Monitor our forest management and environmental management systems regularly through internal and external audits and use the results to improve our performance.
- Regularly report on our environmental performance to regulatory agencies, Kruger Inc. and the public.

This Policy, our Forest Management Plan, and our Environmental Management System shall be accessible, implemented, documented, maintained, audited, reviewed and communicated to all employees and the public. In the event laws and regulations conflict with FSC principles, we will work with the national FSC body towards a resolution.



David Chamberlain
Woodlands Manager



Richard Tull
Vice President and General Manager



Place: Gambo

Date: May 13, 2020

OPERATING PERMIT

ISSUED UNDER SECTION 105 OF THE FORESTRY ACT

In accordance with the **Forest Fire Regulations**, Newfound Gold Corp. of

Botwood Phone #: 486 7705 Is granted permission to carry out

A logging or industrial operation during the 2020 Forest Fire Season on Crown/Private land located at

District 4,5 & 6 (East of Gander River)

Issued by:

On behalf of the
Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources

OPERATING PERMIT CONDITIONS

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Place: _____

Date: _____

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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division

PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39

Date: **AUGUST 07, 2020**

File No: **550-01-02-05-075**

Permit No: **PRO11194-2020**

Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.
69 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M5E 1K3
mregular@newfoundgold.ca**

Attention: **Michael Regular**

Re: **Gander WSMC-Gander Lake PPWSA-Road Upgrades-New Found Gold Corp.**

Permission is hereby given for : **access road upgrades in the Gander Lake Protected Water Supply Area (used by the towns of Gander, Glenwood and Appleton) with reference to the application dated July 7, 2020.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.

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(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

PPWSA General

1. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
2. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
3. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
4. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 11194 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
5. An undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least **300 metres** shall be maintained around Gander Lake, at least **100 metres** along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Gander Lake, at least **50 metres** around Soulis Pond and at least **30 metres** around all ponds and along both sides of all other water bodies. Activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
6. All waste material is to be collected in refuse containers, and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
7. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
8. The Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder follow, and cover all costs incurred by the Permit Holder or this department, associated with any water quality monitoring program that may be ordered by the Minister for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines.
9. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.
10. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (ie sedimentation, fuel spill, other potential water quality impairment), the appropriate Town Manager/Clerk, Mayor, Chair of the Local Service District Committee, or Chair of the Water Supply Committee must be notified immediately at (709)651-5915. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at **(709)292-4280**.

11. The felling or disposing of trees, parts of trees, sawdust, bark, logging debris or slash into a water body or upon the frozen surface of a water body is strictly prohibited.
12. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within buffer zones established in Condition 5 of any water body measured from the high water mark. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.
13. The Permit Holder must inspect the site daily, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at 709-292-4280 and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Monitoring Committee at (709)651-5915.
14. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
15. This Permit is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. If required, an application for Permit renewal must be submitted prior to the expiry date.
16. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
17. All vehicles and equipment must be in good working order with no leaking fuel, oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
18. All stationary motorized equipment and associated fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of any fuel, lubricant and oil.
19. Drainage from roads and other disturbed areas into any body of water must first be discharged into a settling pond, a vegetated area or pass through a sedimentation fence where all suspended material can settle out before draining into any body of water.
20. Any streams not visible on a 1:50,000 scale map (including field identified streams) shall require a minimum buffer of 30 m.
21. For any clearing inside buffer zones: no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.
22. Where permits, licences, approvals or authorizations are issued by multiple governments departments or agencies, in the case of similar conditions, the more stringent of the those shall prevail; in the case of conflicting conditions, the Permit Holder shall seek clarification and direction in writing from each of the respective departments or agencies.
23. The issuance of this permit does not guarantee, nor set precedent, that additional or similar permits or amendments will be issued in this or any other Protected Public Water Supply Area for additional or similar activity or development.

24. Any activity within a freshwater body (including wetlands and flood risk areas), requires a Permit under Section 48 of the Water Resources Act, 2002. This Permit refers to Section 39 of the Water Resources Act, 2002 and does not grant permission for the above stated work including fording and/or culvert or bridge installation.

Fuel Storage

25. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2), 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
26. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002 cE-14.2.
27. Any spills of gasoline, fuel or oil, regardless of volume, shall be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Management Committee by calling (709)292-4280 and (709)651-5915 respectively. Furthermore, all spills in excess of 70 litres shall be reported immediately to the 24 hour spill report line at 1-800-563-9089.
28. A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refuelled. The kit must contain the following:
- One hand operated fuel pump
 - One recovery container such an empty 205 litre drum
 - One shovel
 - One pick axe
 - Five metres of containment boom
 - Five absorbent pads
 - Twenty-five litres of loose absorbent material
29. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland.

Trails

30. Fill material must be obtained from an approved quarry site. It must not be taken from beaches or streams, and must not be dredged from a body of water.
31. Removal of streambank vegetation or trees is not permitted. Overhanging brush that collects snow and blocks ice movement may be pruned and cut back to allow free flow of water.
32. Where sand or gravel is used in the construction of trails, these areas must be closely monitored during and after periods of heavy rainfall for any signs of erosion or washout. Where washouts occur, these sections of trail must be replaced with boardwalks.
33. Trail embankments near watercourses must be adequately protected from erosion by sodding, seeding or placing of rip-rap.
34. The constructed works must comply with all other terms and conditions provided in the Crown Lands grant, lease, or license for occupancy.
35. Permit Holder must avoid construction activities in a wetlands wherever possible.

36. A Domestic Wood Harvesting Permit is required from the Regional Services Division of the Forestry Services Branch for any wood cutting activities.
37. The Crown Lands Division must approve all trails on crown land.
38. Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Regulations must be strictly adhered to.
39. Heavily travelled areas must be kept well drained to prevent the formation of mud puddles which can contribute to erosion and siltation events.

APPENDIX B
Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

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2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division

Appendix C - Completion Report

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39

Date: **AUGUST 07, 2020**

File No: **550-01-02-05-075**
Permit No: **PRO11194-2020**

Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.**
69 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M5E 1K3
mregular@newfoundgold.ca

Attention: **Michael Regular**

Re: **Gander WSMC-Gander Lake PPWSA-Road Upgrades-New Found Gold Corp.**

Permission was given for : **access road upgrades in the Gander Lake Protected Water Supply Area (used by the towns of Gander, Glenwood and Appleton) with reference to the application dated July 7, 2020.**

I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

APPENDIX D
Location Map for Permit



PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39

Date: **AUGUST 28, 2020**

File No: **550-01-02-05-075**

Permit No: **PRO11270-2020**

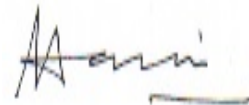
Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.
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Toronto, On.
M5E 1K3
gmatheson@newfoundgold.ca**

Attention: **Greg Matheson**

Re: **Gander WSMC-Gander Lake PPWSA-Mineral Exploration-New Found Gold Corp**

Permission is hereby given for : **mineral exploration activities including drilling, trenching and access road construction in the Gander Lake Protected Public Water Supply Area (used by the Towns of Gander, Glenwood and Appleton) with reference to the application dated July 16, 2020.**

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.



(for) MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

PPWSA General

1. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
2. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
3. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
4. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 11270 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
5. An undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least **300 metres** shall be maintained around Gander Lake, at least **100 metres** along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Gander Lake, at least **50 metres** around Soulis Pond, and at least **30 metres** around all ponds and along both sides of all other water bodies. Activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
6. All waste material is to be collected in refuse containers, and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
7. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
8. The Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder follow, and cover all costs incurred by the Permit Holder or this department, associated with any water quality monitoring program that may be ordered by the Minister for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines.
9. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.
10. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (ie sedimentation, fuel spill, other potential water quality impairment), the appropriate Town Manager/Clerk, Mayor, Chair of the Local Service District Committee, or Chair of the Water Supply Committee must be notified immediately at (709)651-5915. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at **(709)292-4280**.
11. The felling or disposing of trees, parts of trees, sawdust, bark, logging debris or slash into a water body or upon the frozen surface of a water body is strictly prohibited.
12. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within buffer zones established in Condition 5 of any water body measured from the high water mark. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.

13. The Permit Holder must inspect the site daily, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709)292-4280 and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Monitoring Committee at (709)651-5915.
14. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
15. This Permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.
16. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
17. All vehicles and equipment must be in good working order with no leaking fuel, oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
18. Any streams not visible on a 1:50,000 scale map (including field identified streams) shall require a minimum buffer of 30 m.
19. For any clearing inside buffer zones: no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.
20. Exploration activities must not extend within 200 meters of a scheduled salmon river without prior registration for and release under the Environmental Protection Act, Environmental Assessment Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.
21. Where permits, licences, approvals or authorizations are issued by multiple governments departments or agencies, in the case of similar conditions, the more stringent of the those shall prevail; in the case of conflicting conditions, the Permit Holder shall seek clarification and direction in writing from each of the respective departments or agencies.
22. The Permit Holder is required to ensure that adequate sanitary (bathroom) facilities are available or provided on site. This may be in the form of a portable toilet, chemical toilet, pit privy (outhouse), sub-surface disposal system, or municipal sewer system. If a portable toilet or chemical toilet is used, the waste water must be disposed of in a septic disposal system approved by Service NL, or at an approved waste disposal site, outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2. If a pit privy (outhouse) or sub-surface disposal system is used, it must be located outside the required buffers, and be subject to Service NL standards, requirements and approval.
23. The issuance of this permit does not guarantee, nor set precedent, that additional or similar permits or amendments will be issued in this or any other Protected Public Water Supply Area for additional or similar activity or development.
24. Any activity within a freshwater body (including wetlands and flood risk areas), requires a Permit under Section 48 of the Water Resources Act, 2002. This Permit refers to Section 39 of the Water Resources Act, 2002 and does not grant permission for the above stated work including fording and/or culvert or bridge installation.

Exploration

25. All drill rigs, pumps, generators, other motorized equipment and associated fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of any fuel, lubricant and oil.

26. Fuel storage within the Protected Public Water Supply Area shall be limited to the amount of fuel required to drill each borehole up to the maximum noted below. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2) new 205 litre drums, or one (1) CSA or ULC approved slip tank having a capacity of 500 litres. All fuel drums or slip tanks must be in good condition. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland. Fuel drums or slip tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of fuel.
27. All water, runoff or effluent from the mineral exploration activity (or any other type of similar undertaking), that is pumped or flows by gravity, shall have silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, and visible turbidity removed by means of sediment boxes, settling tanks, settling ponds, sumps dug into the ground, filtration or other suitable treatment, to less than or equal to 30 milligrams per litre of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), before being discharged to the environment. More specifically, at the last point of control, the final discharge of all water, runoff or effluent must conform to the limits specified in Schedule A of the Environmental Control Water and Sewer Regulations, 2003, <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc030065.htm>. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to demonstrate, that the final discharge meets the requirement of these Regulations.
28. Drilling fluids other than water must be approved by this Department prior to their use.
29. Unless listed above, all conditions outlined in the **Environmental Guidelines for Construction and Mineral Exploration Companies**, must be strictly adhered to.
30. Water, runoff or effluent must not be discharged within 30 meters of a body of water including wetlands, nor in such a manner that it has a direct surface route back to a body of water.
31. All silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, drilling additives, and drilling mud must be collected and disposed of at a waste disposal site approved by the Department of Service NL in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, SNL, 2002 cE-14.2. This material shall not be left on the ground, nor buried in a sump. This material shall not be disposed of anywhere within a Protected Public Water Supply Area without explicit written permission from the Water Resources Management Division.
32. At least seven (7) days advance notice of the beginning and end of planned drilling or trenching operations is required. The municipal authority must be notified by email at info@gandercanada.com and the Environmental Scientist must be notified by email at trentpollett@gov.nl.ca. Any changes in the planned drilling operation must also be communicated in a timely manner, and approved with a subsequent Permit or amendment before being undertaken.
33. Diamond drilling or trenching operations can not be undertaken without a valid Water Use License/Permit.
34. All boreholes shall be sealed with bentonite to prevent any artesian flow.

Fuel Storage

35. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2), 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
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 - Six recovery containers such as empty 205 litre drums
 - Four shovels
 - Two pick axes
 - Ten metres of containment boom
 - Twenty-five absorbent pads
 - One hundred litres of loose absorbent material

37. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2*.
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4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
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6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Appendix C - Completion Report

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s)

39 Date: **AUGUST 28, 2020**

File No: **550-01-02-05-075**

Permit No: **PRO11270-2020**

Permit Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.**
69 Yonge Street Suite 1010
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gmatheson@newfoundgold.ca

Attention: **Greg Matheson**

Re: **Gander WSMC-Gander Lake PPWSA-Mineral Exploration-New Found Gold Corp**

Permission was given for : **mineral exploration activities including drilling, trenching and access road construction in the Gander Lake Protected Public Water Supply Area (used by the Towns of Gander, Glenwood and Appleton) with reference to the application dated July 16, 2020.**

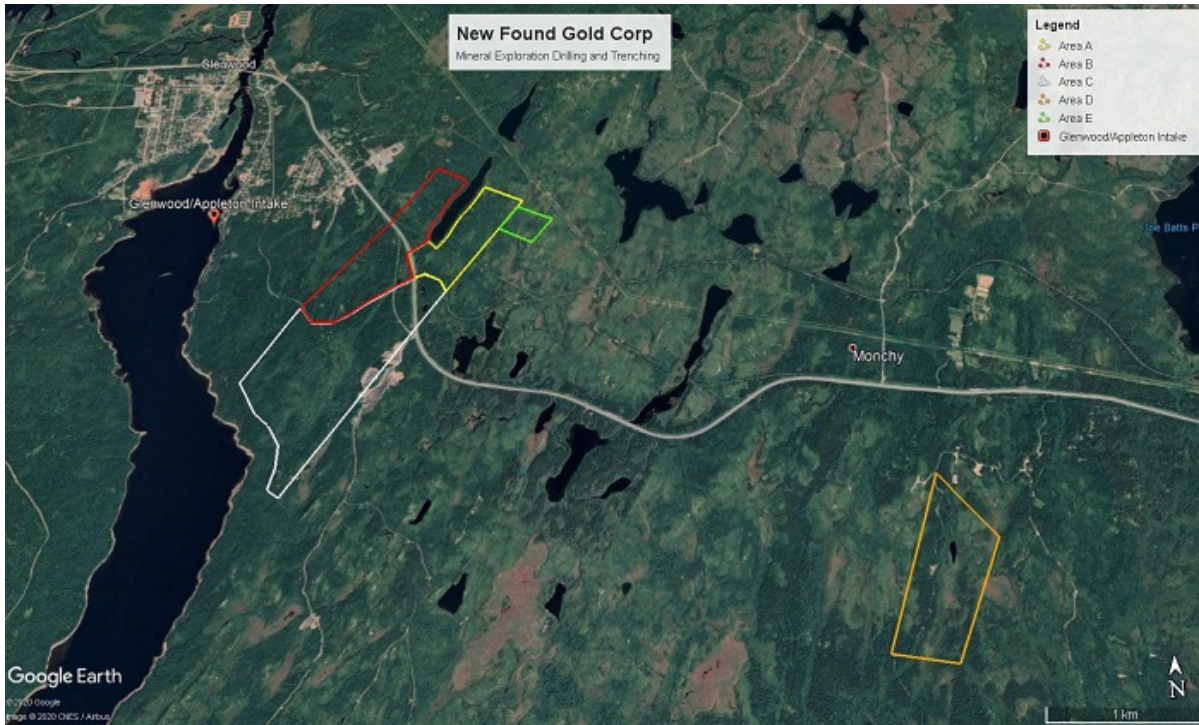
I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

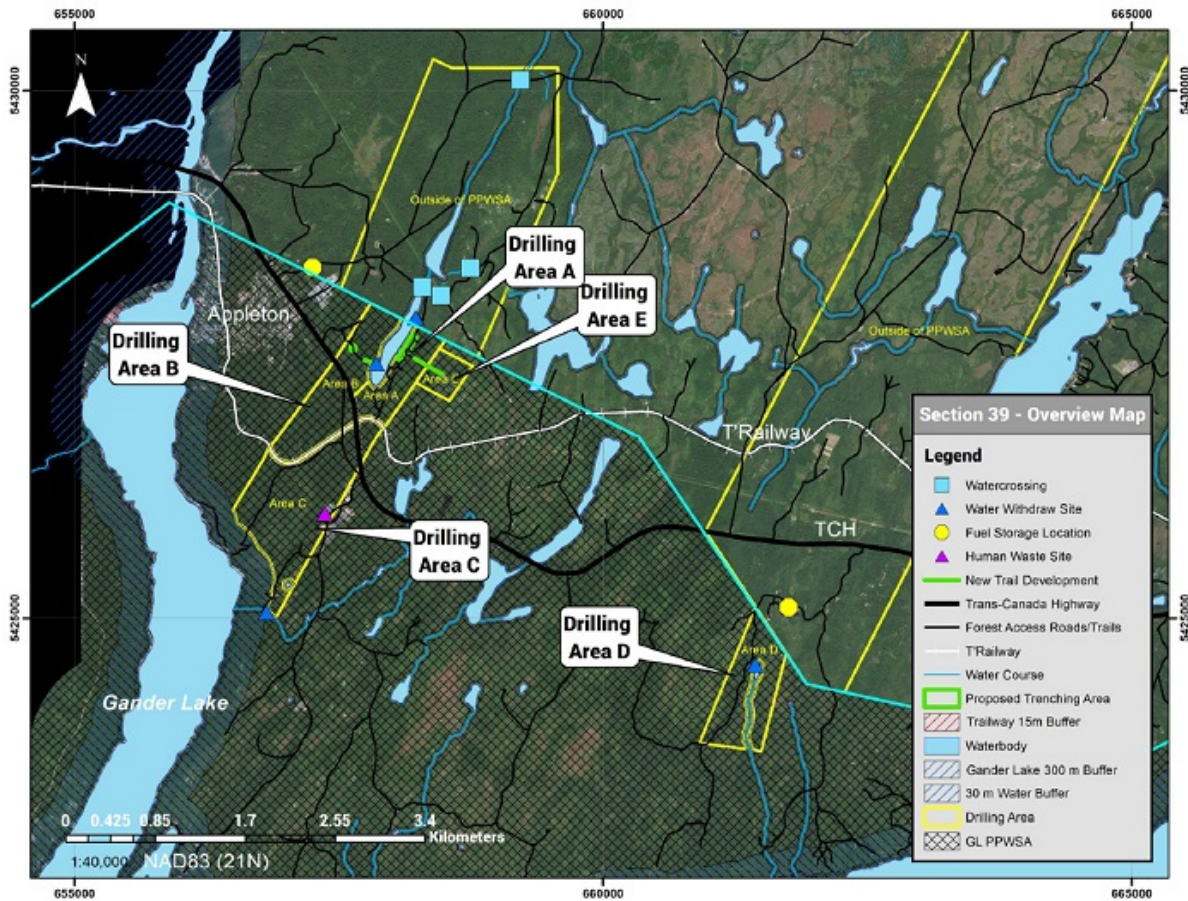
This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

APPENDIX D
Location Map for Permit



Second Attached Image File



In Reply Please Quote
File Reference No. 2032583

JUN 4, 2020

NEW FOUND GOLD CORP.
Suite 1010
69 Younge St.
Toronto, ON MSE 1K3

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: APPLICATION NO.: 156718
TYPE: Licence
PURPOSE: Other
LOCATION: Appleton

This will acknowledge receipt of the above referenced application for a Crown title. The application has now been registered and via a copy of this letter, the Department and/or agencies on the attached schedule have been asked to forward their comments and recommendations on your application to the Regional Lands Office.

Your application will be reviewed and a final decision will be made when the recommendations have been received from these Departments and/or agencies.

To assist inspectors in locating the area applied for and to avoid delays in processing your application it is advisable to place your name and application number on the site. Your application is being processed for the site indicated on the attached map. If the location or lot configuration of the site is incorrect you must contact the Regional Lands Office immediately.

Please note that the land is not to be occupied until you receive a fully executed title document.

If you require any additional information concerning the processing of this application please contact the Regional Lands Office at the address below.

Yours truly,



LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Attachment(s)



Received by mail Aug 16/19
MD

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division

**WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT
Industrial (Mineral Exploration)**

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01

Date of Issuance: AUGUST 05, 2019

No: WUL/P-19-10559
File: 515

Licensee/Holder: New Found Gold Corp.
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pmd.kriner@nf.sympatico.ca

Attention: Peter Dimmell

Re: Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (the "Minister") hereby grants a non-exclusive water right to: **New Found Gold Corp.** (the "Licensee/Holder") to withdraw water from and use of bodies of water within the boundary of the property, as indicated in the map for exploration approval #E190086 in relation to the Licensee/Holder's mineral exploration project (Linear North Property). This non-exclusive water right is granted in reference to the Mineral Exploration Approval received on July 5, 2019.

This Licence/Permit is subject to the terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions, and provisions stated herein and the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder. Appendices A and B and the map for exploration approval (attached) form part and parcel of this Licence/Permit.

This Licence/Permit does not release the Licensee/Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals, permits or licences from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.

The Licensee/Holder shall complete and return the attached Notification of Acceptance of Water Use Licence/Permit (attached) to the Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Licence/Permit.

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(for) MINISTER

GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT

No: WUL/P-19-10559
File: 515

APPENDIX A
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (the "Minister") hereby grants a non-exclusive water right to: **New Found Gold Corp.** (the "Licensee/Holder") to withdraw water from and use of bodies of water within the boundary of the property, as indicated in the map for exploration approval #E190086 in relation to the Licensee/Holder's mineral exploration project (Linear North Property). This non-exclusive water right is granted in reference to the Mineral Exploration Approval received on July 5, 2019.

1. Ownership of water rights remains with the Crown and is not transferred. This Water Use Licence/Permit only provides permission for the Licensee/Holder to withdraw and use water for the purpose indicated in this Licence/Permit.
2. The non-exclusive rights and privileges hereby demised by this Licence/Permit shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, leased, mortgaged, sublet or otherwise alienated by the Licensee/Holder.
3. The Licensee/Holder acknowledges and agrees that this Licence/Permit does not grant any interest in land.
4. This Licence shall expire on July 5, 2020 or earlier if suspended or modified or cancelled by the Minister due to reasons that include, but not limited to, non-compliance with the Water Resources Act, SNL 2002 c.W-4.01 and terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions, and provisions; lack of utilization of authorized water for the designated purpose or prompt reporting pursuant to this Licence. Also, this Licence may be renewed by the Minister for such renewal term as the Minister deems appropriate, on such terms and conditions as the Minister considers appropriate and in the public interest, provided the Licensee/Holder applies for a new Licence at least hundred and eighty (180) days before the expiry of this Licence.
5. The designated purpose of the water withdrawal and use is Industrial/Mineral Exploration.
6. The estimated annual water withdrawal from the said bodies of water shall not exceed 18,250 cubic meter (or 50,000 litres daily), subject to water availability without changing the hydraulic characteristics of or causing impact on fish and fish habitat in the said bodies of water or impact on other existing water users. The Licensee/Holder shall not at any time withdraw and use amounts of water in excess of the need for the Licensee/Holder's mineral exploration activities, irrespective of the amount of water authorized.
7. All water, runoff or effluent from the mineral exploration activity (or any other type of similar undertaking), that is pumped or flows by gravity, shall have silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, and visible turbidity removed by means of sediment boxes, settling tanks, settling ponds, sumps dug into the ground, filtration or other suitable treatment, to less than or equal to 30 milligrams per litre of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), before being discharged to the environment. More specifically, at the last point of control, the final discharge of all water, runoff or effluent must conform to the limits specified in Schedule A of the Environmental Control Water and Sewer Regulations, 2003, <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc030065.htm>. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to demonstrate, that the final discharge meets the requirement of these Regulations.

8. In case of drilling on the ice cover of the said bodies of water, the Licensee/Holder shall ensure that the ice is sufficiently thick and structurally sound and able to safely support the drilling rig and all associated equipment on the ice surface. The ice surface must be inspected daily as long as the equipment is on the ice and a written record of these inspections must be kept in a suitable log book. More frequent inspections are required when there are sudden temperature changes.
9. The Licensee/Holder shall not at any time impair, pollute or cause to be polluted the quality of water in the said bodies of water or any nearby body of water. Also, this Licence/Permit shall not be interpreted as granting any rights to cause adverse effect(s) on water in or outside the mineral exploration activities areas and all operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and bodies of water. The Water Resources Management Division of this Department must be informed if the mineral exploration activities have a potential to impair water quality of the said bodies of water or any nearby body of water. In addition, any and all waste material that may result from the mineral exploration activities must be removed from the mineral exploration activities areas and disposed at a site approved by the regional Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL. This Department and Department of Service NL may require samples to be submitted for testing and analysis.
10. The Licensee/Holder shall keep records for water withdrawals and uses and other relevant information and complete and file a form following the format of Appendix B with the Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section of this Department on or before January 31st of each year during the mineral exploration activities. Also, the Licensee/Holder may be required to monitor, report and assess water quality and quantity of the water available and supplied to the Licensee/Holder's mineral exploration activities in such manner as the Minister considers necessary such as flowmeter(s) for the said bodies of water.
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14. When possible, drilling should take place using water alone. If this is not possible, then only environmentally approved drilling fluids shall be used and a mud recovery system must be used. Also, All fuels and lubricants must be stored in an approved manner on land, no closer than 30 metres to any body of water. Only sufficient fuel for one refueling shall be brought on the ice at one time.

15. This Licence is subject to the Water Use Charges Regulations, NLR 60/16 under the Water Resources Act, 2002 and the Licensee/Holder shall upon receipt of an invoice stating the amount owing for water use charges, pay to the Minister the full amount within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the said invoice and if imposed by provincial legislation, fees, incentives, royalties or subsidies for water use.
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17. The employees of this Department, authorized by the Minister, may at all reasonable times during the term created by this Licence/Permit enter into the mineral exploration activities areas and the Licensee/Holder's designated place of business to inspect the systems, equipment, works, records, statements, and accounts, and shall be entitled to copy such information as may be required by the Minister in relation to this Licence/Permit and may exercise all other powers of inspection as provided for in the Water Resources Act, 2002.
18. The Licensee/Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Licence/Permit, systems, equipment and works in or outside the mineral exploration activities areas, or any act or omission of the Licensee/Holder in or outside the mineral exploration activities areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, and provisions of this Licence/Permit by the Licensee/Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
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21. This Licence/Permit is subject to all provisions of the Water Resources Act, 2002 and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Licence/Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
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23. This Licence/Permit shall remain in force and effect until such time as the Mineral Lands Division Approval is valid or until such time as it is revoked by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador or his successor in office for failure to comply with one or more of the provisions of this Licence/Permit (as amended from time to time) or with the provisions of the Water Resources Act, SNL 2002 c.W-4.01 and any regulations in effect thereunder from time to time and any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.

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New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Rd.
St. John's, NL A1B 2R2

The address and facsimile number of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment are:

Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6
(709) 729-0320

GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT
APPENDIX B

Report to Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

To: **Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section**
Water Resources Management Division
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

No: WUL/P-19-10559
File: 515
Authorized: AUGUST 05, 2019

Re: *Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)*

This report must be completed and filed on or before January 31st of each year or upon the completion of activities for a temporary period. Provide the information required below:

1. Has the Licensee/Holder used water during last year? Yes No
If no, explain (use extra sheet to provide more information, if any).

2. Does the Licensee/Holder wish to continue the non-exclusive water right? Yes No
If no, explain (use extra sheet to provide more information, if any).

3. Has the Licensee/Holder exceeded the estimated maximum daily water withdrawal of that indicated in Appendix A? Yes No
If yes, explain in the space below (use extra sheet to provide more information, if any).

In the table below, state the monthly water uses during last year or a temporary period and attach spreadsheet for daily water uses along with water quality report(s) as may be applicable:

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Use in litres or cubic meters													

4. Is there any other matter on which the Licensee/Holder wishes to inform the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding this Licence/Permit and its terms and conditions? Yes No
If yes, explain (use extra sheet to provide more information, if any).

I/We acknowledge that the information contained in this report is true and correct.

Signature: _____

New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Rd.
St. John's, NL A1B 2R2

Name/Title: _____

Date: _____

- cc: Amir Ali Khan, Ph.D., P.Eng.
Manager, Water Rights, Investigations and Modelling Section
Water Resources Management Division
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
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4th Floor, West Block, Confederation Building
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akhan@gov.nl.ca
- cc: File Copy for Binder
- cc: Mr. Wayne Lynch (Central)
Regional Director (Central)
Service NL
P.O. Box 2222
Gander, NL A1V 2N9
waynelynch@gov.nl.ca
- cc: Fisheries Protection Division
Ecosystem Management Branch
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
P.O. Box 5667
St. John's, NL A1C 5X1
FPP-NL@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- cc: Ms. Martha Drake
Provincial Archaeologist, Historic Resources Division
Dept. of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development
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St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
mdrake@gov.nl.ca
- cc: Justin Lake
Geologist II
Mines - Mineral Development
JustinWLake@gov.nl.ca
- cc: Ms. Heather Rafuse
Exploration Approvals Geologist, Exploration Approvals and Inspections
Section
Mineral Lands Division, Department of Natural Resources
50 Elizabeth Avenue, P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
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Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section
Water Resources Management Division
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

Date: AUGUST 05, 2019
File: 515

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT
Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)

Water Use Licence/Permit No. WUL/P-19-10559 issued on AUGUST 05, 2019, and valid until July 05, 2020.

As a Licensee/Holder of Water Use Licence/Permit No. WUL/P-19-10559, issued pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, **New Found Gold Corp.** (the "Licensee/Holder"), agrees to accept this Licence/Permit for the stated duration and abide by all terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions stated therein. The Licensee/Holder acknowledges that failure to abide by the terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions indicated in Appendices A and B and the map for Exploration Approval (attached) of the Licence/Permit and the *Water Resources Act* will render the Licence/Permit null and void, place the Licensee/Holder and/or their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder and cause the Licensee/Holder to be responsible for any and all remedial measures which may be prescribed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by
New Found Gold Corp.,
in accordance with its rules and
regulations in that behalf
at _____, this _____ day
of _____, 2019 in the presence
of:

Witness

Per: _____
Signing Officer

Seal:

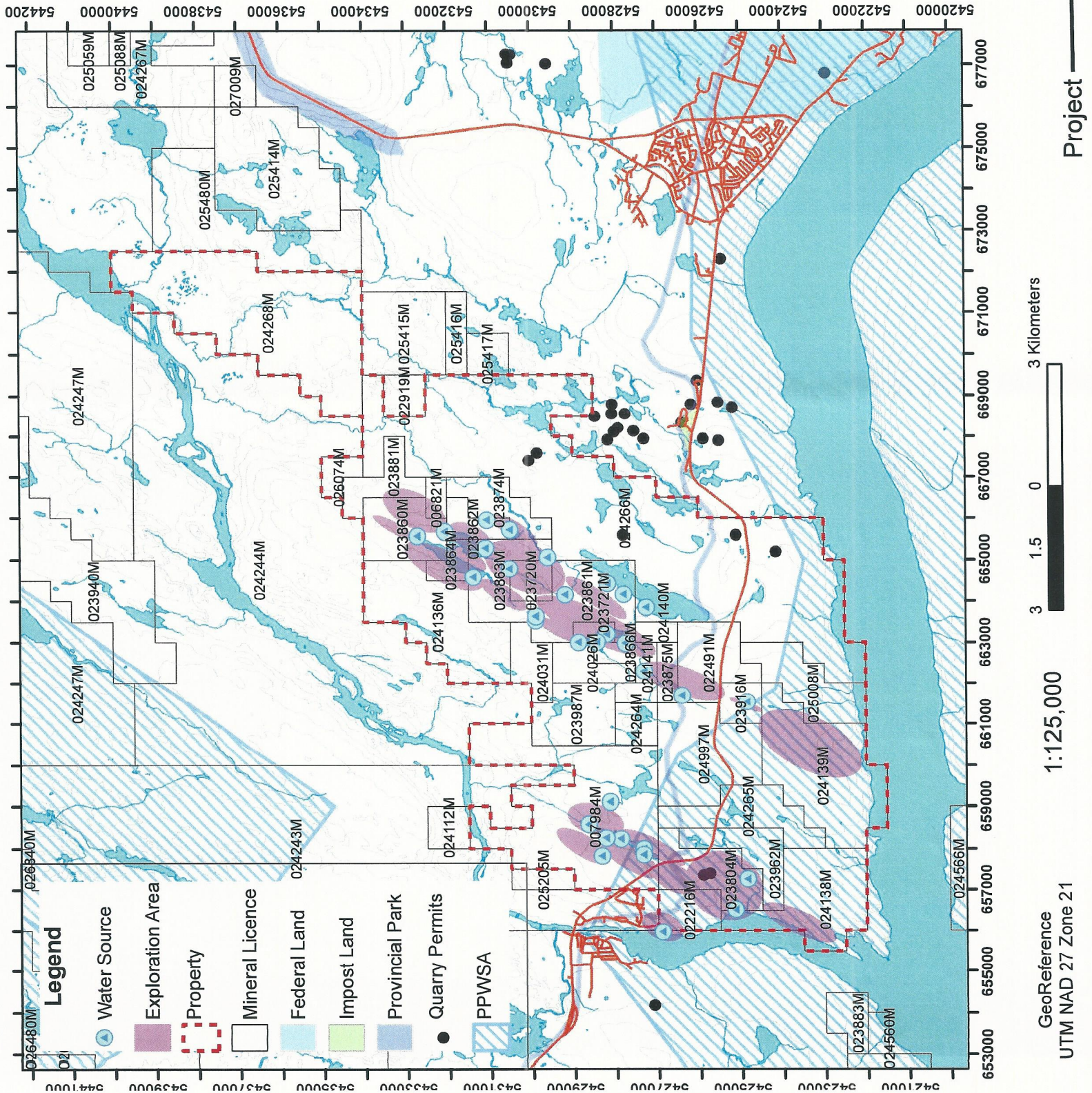
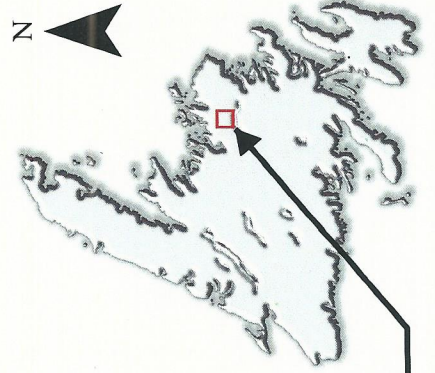
Important: The attached Water Use Licence/Permit is not valid unless the Licensee/Holder completes and returns this notification to the address above within thirty (30) days of receipt.
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Exploration Approval (50 DDH, 50 Trenches, Ground Geophysics, Geochemical Survey, Prospecting) for New Found Gold Corp. on the Linear North Property, NTS 2D/15, 2E/02 Licences: 006821M, 007984M, 022216M, 022491M, 023720M, 023721M, 023804M, 023860M, 023861M, 023862M, 023863M, 023864M, 023866M, 023874M, 023875M, 023881M, 023916M, 023962M, 023987M, 024026M, 024031M, 024136M, 024138M, 024139M,

Comments

- PPWSA - Gander Lake
- MPA - Appleton
- Cottage Planning Area
- Crown Lands Reserve
- T'Railway Provincial Park
- Protected Road Zone
- Agricultural Land Reserve
- CBPPL Timber Limits
- Quarry Permits

E190086



Project



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division

**WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT
Industrial (Mineral Exploration)**

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01

Date of Issuance: AUGUST 05, 2019

No: WUL/P-19-10559

File: 515

Licensee/Holder: New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Rd.
St. John's, NL A1B 2R2
pmd.krinor@nf.sympatico.ca

Attention: Peter Dimmell

Re: Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (the "Minister") hereby grants a non-exclusive water right to: **New Found Gold Corp.** (the "Licensee/Holder") to withdraw water from and use of bodies of water within the boundary of the property, as indicated in the map for exploration approval #E190086 in relation to the Licensee/Holder's mineral exploration project (Linear North Property). This non-exclusive water right is granted in reference to the Mineral Exploration Approval received on July 5, 2019.

This Licence/Permit is subject to the terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions, and provisions stated herein and the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder. Appendices A and B and the map for exploration approval (attached) form part and parcel of this Licence/Permit.

This Licence/Permit does not release the Licensee/Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals, permits or licences from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.

The Licensee/Holder shall complete and return the attached Notification of Acceptance of Water Use Licence/Permit (attached) to the Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Licence/Permit.

(for) MINISTER

GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT

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APPENDIX A
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT

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Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Use in litres or cubic meters													

4. Is there any other matter on which the Licensee/Holder wishes to inform the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding this Licence/Permit and its terms and conditions? Yes No
If yes, explain (use extra sheet to provide more information, if any).

I/We acknowledge that the information contained in this report is true and correct.

New Found Gold Corp.
56 Carpasian Rd.
St. John's, NL A1B 2R2

Signature: _____

Name/Title: _____

Date: _____

No: WUL/P-19-10559

File: 515

- cc: Amir Ali Khan, Ph.D., P.Eng.
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Date: AUGUST 05, 2019
File: 515

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT

Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)

Water Use Licence/Permit No. WUL/P-19-10559 issued on AUGUST 05, 2019, and valid until July 05, 2020.

As a Licensee/Holder of Water Use Licence/Permit No. WUL/P-19-10559, issued pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, **New Found Gold Corp.** (the "Licensee/Holder"), agrees to accept this Licence/Permit for the stated duration and abide by all terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions stated therein. The Licensee/Holder acknowledges that failure to abide by the terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions indicated in Appendices A and B and the map for Exploration Approval (attached) of the Licence/Permit and the *Water Resources Act* will render the Licence/Permit null and void, place the Licensee/Holder and/or their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder and cause the Licensee/Holder to be responsible for any and all remedial measures which may be prescribed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by
New Found Gold Corp.,
in accordance with its rules and
regulations in that behalf
at _____, this _____ day
of _____, 2019 in the presence
of:

Witness

Per: _____
Signing Officer

Seal:

Important: The attached Water Use Licence/Permit is not valid unless the Licensee/Holder completes and returns this notification to the address above within thirty (30) days of receipt.



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Water Resources Management Division

AMENDMENT TO WATER USE LICENCE

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01

Date: **JULY 06, 2020**

No: **WUL/P-19-10559**

File: **515**

Amendment No: **1**

Licensee/Holder: **New Found Gold Corp.**
56 Carpasian Rd.
St. John's, NL A1B 2R2
pmd.kriner@nf.sympatico.ca

Attention: **Peter Dimmell**

Re: **Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)**

The original Water Use Licence dated AUGUST 05, 2019 is amended as follows:

As per approval of the Department of Natural Resources on June 30, 2020 to extend Mineral Exploration Approval #E190086 for Linear North Property, the related Water Use Licence, WUL/P-19-10559 expiry date is extended to December 05, 2020.

All other terms and conditions of the original Water Use Licence will apply and failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this amendment and the original Water Use Licence will render this Water Use Licence null and void, place the Water Use Licence Holder and their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and make the Water Use Licence Holder responsible for taking any remedial measures as may be prescribed by this Department.

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(for) MINISTER

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AMENDMENT TO WATER USE LICENCE

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 49

Date: **AUGUST 07, 2020**

No: **WUL/P-19-10559**

File: **515**

Amendment No: **2**

Licensee/Holder: **New Found Gold Corp. 56
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St. John's, NL A1B 2R2
pmd.krinor@nf.sympatico.ca**

Attention: **Peter Dimmell**

Re: **Water Withdrawal and Use of Bodies of Water (Linear North Property)**

The original Water Use Licence dated AUGUST 05, 2019 is amended as follows:

The estimated annual water withdrawal stated in clause #6 is increased and shall not exceed 36,500 cubic meter (or 100,000 liters daily) from the said bodies of water.

All other terms and conditions of the original Water Use Licence will apply and failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this amendment and the original Water Use Licence will render this Water Use Licence null and void, place the Water Use Licence Holder and their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and make the Water Use Licence Holder responsible for taking any remedial measures as may be prescribed by this Department.



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October 8, 2020

E200303

Greg Matheson
New Found Gold Corp
69 Yonge Street Suite 1010
Toronto, ON
M5E 1K3

Dear Mr. Matheson:

**Exploration Approval (750 DDH, Airborne Geophysics, Fuel Storage)
for New Found Gold on the Queensway North Property
NTS: 2E/02, 2D/15 Licence: 023864M 023861M
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023862M 026074M 023866M 007984M 024141M
023874M 023721M 023720M 023962M 023875M
023860M 024031M 022491M 024138M 024139M
024265M 023987M 022216M 023804M 024264M
006821M 024136M 024997M 023916M**

Your proposed exploration program submitted in compliance with Section 5(4) of the **Mineral Act** has been reviewed and approved.

The following conditions apply:

1. The Proponent, its employees, agents and subcontractors (“Proponent”) shall comply with the **Mineral Regulations**, in particular sections 41 – 45. The **Mineral Regulations** can be read at: <http://assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc961143.htm>
2. This approval may be cancelled or suspended by the Minister if the Proponent fails to comply with any condition in this approval or as a result of a failure to comply with the **Mineral Act**, **Mineral Regulations** or any other provincial law or regulation. Upon cancellation or suspension of this approval the Proponent shall immediately cease all exploration activities.
3. The Proponent shall comply with any other Provincial and Federal act or regulation, and obtain all permits that may be required in connection with the exploration activity.
4. As required by Section 42 of the **Mineral Regulations**, the Proponent shall notify the Mineral Lands Division of any significant changes to the approved exploration plan, and shall not proceed with exploration work, preparatory work or site access that deviates substantially from the approved exploration plan or deviates from the approved exploration plan in a manner which may significantly impact the environment without first receiving written authorization from the Mineral Lands Division.

5. The Proponent shall provide the Mineral Lands Division with:
 - a) a brief notice immediately before beginning the work;
 - b) a brief update of the status of the exploration program when it is completed.Notices and updates should be sent to exploration_approval@gov.nl.ca
6. At any time the Mineral Lands Division may issue a request for information regarding completed, ongoing or planned exploration and the Proponent agrees to abide by all such requests without undue delay. The information requested may include but is not limited to: the location of exploration sites (including access trails), site preparation methods, the status of rehabilitation and cleanup, and photographic documentation of site conditions.
7. If exploration work is to take place on lands not vested in the Crown, as per section 12(2) of the **Mineral Act**, the licensee shall obtain prior written permission and forward copies to the Mineral Lands Division. Information regarding private land may be found on Crown Lands' Land Use Atlas: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/landuseatlas/details/>
8. Exploration work, including traditional prospecting, shall not be carried out on ground for which the mineral rights are held by another party unless permitted by an agreement registered with the Mineral Claims Recorder's office or unless written permission from the other party has been forwarded to the Mineral Lands Division. The Department's Geoscience Atlas is a current map of mineral rights held in the province. The Geoscience Atlas is located at: <http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/>
9. The Proponent shall ensure that all waste materials are placed in suitable refuse containers without undue delay and removed to a waste disposal site approved by Service NL to accept the type(s) of waste being disposed of. Service NL Government Service Centres are listed at: <http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/department/contact.html#locations>
10. The Proponent shall comply with the **Forestry Act** and regulations. The Proponent is advised to contact the nearest Forest Management District Office to obtain the following permits as required:
 - a. a cutting permit before the start of the exploration program if trees have to be cut for access to exploration sites. Please note that it may take up to two weeks to receive this permit;
 - b. an operating permit if operations are to take place on forest land during the forest fire season (May-September);
 - c. During the Forest Fire Season a permit to burn must be obtained to ignite a fire on or within 300 meters of forest land.

Regional and Satellite Forestry contact information can be found at http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/department/contact_forestry.html#regional

11. The **Fisheries Act** requires that projects avoid causing serious harm to fish unless authorized by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. This applies to work being conducted in or near waterbodies that support fish that are part of or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. If this exploration work is to take place in or near a waterbody, please complete the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Self-Assessment at: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gtgc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>.

12. As per Section 38 (5) of the **Fisheries Act**, every person has a duty to notify DFO of an occurrence that results in serious harm to fish, or the deposit of a deleterious substance in water frequented by fish. Should such an occurrence take place, the Proponent shall contact DFO at 709-772-4140 or FPP-NL@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.
13. The Proponent is advised of Section 45(2) of the **Mineral Regulations** which requires that all sites cleared of topsoil (e.g. drill pads prepared by cut-and-fill, grubbed sections of access trail, laydown areas, camp sites) be rehabilitated before the end of the current exploration program. Rehabilitation as per Section 45(2) requires that the site be re-contoured and the original organic cover (topsoil, ground vegetation, and any trees not used for other purposes) be spread back over the re-contoured site. If the original organic cover proves insufficient to completely re-cover the site then an organic substitute material must be used in addition to complete the process, provided that no invasive species are introduced. Acceptable substitute materials are straw, hay, trees having been cut in other parts of the exploration project area, or ground vegetation produced by hydroseeding. If the Proponent wishes to keep drill casing above ground then the re-contouring may accommodate this. Sumps pits and borrow pits fall under Section 45(1)(a) of the **Mineral Regulations** and need to be rehabilitated before the end of the exploration season in which they are excavated.
14. The Proponent shall not permit drilling discharge waters to flow overland into a water body, including into a small stream or intermittent channel, irrespective of whether the water body is displayed on the 1:50,000 scale NTS map. More specifically, waterborne drill cuttings and drill additives shall not be permitted to enter a water body.
15. All water pumps shall be underlain by a drip tray lined with absorbent pads and the pads shall be changed before becoming saturated. Drip trays where the containment rim is broken must be replaced or placed in secondary containment (e.g. a tarp-lined wooden tray) without delay.
16. Drill casings producing water in any quantity shall be sealed (grouted) before the expiry of the exploration approval and capped in the meantime. The drill holes shall be sealed with high-swelling bentonite or cement; however coarse sand may be used to fill the lower portions of the hole. Capping is not a substitute for sealing, since many caps cannot fully stop the water and, in any case, the caps will inevitably break due to freezing and thawing.
17. Immediately after demobilization from a drill site, the site shall be inspected for spills of hydraulic oil or fuel, deposits of drill grease, garbage, and waste equipment and these shall be cleaned up in their entirety without delay. The Proponent shall excavate deep enough to retrieve all of the contaminated soil. Soil contaminated by hydraulic oil or fuel shall be excavated and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site. The Proponent shall contact the nearest Government Service Centre to find out the location of the nearest approved waste disposal site accepting the materials that have been cleaned up. Government Service Centres are listed at: <http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/department/contact.html#locations>
18. The Proponent shall screen any water intakes or outlet pipes to prevent entrainment or impingement of fish. Entrainment occurs when a fish is drawn into a water intake and cannot escape. Impingement occurs when an entrapped fish is held in contact with the intake screen and is unable to free itself.

19. In freshwater, the Proponent shall follow these measures for design and installation of intake end of pipe fish screens to protect fish where water is extracted from fish-bearing waters:
- Screens should be located in areas and depths of water with low concentrations of fish throughout the year.
 - Screens should be located away from natural or artificial structures that may attract fish that are migrating, spawning, or in rearing habitat.
 - The screen face should be oriented in the same direction as the flow.
 - Ensure openings in the guides and seals are less than the opening criteria to make “fish tight”.
 - Screens should be located a minimum of 300 mm (12 in.) above the bottom of the watercourse to prevent entrainment of sediment and aquatic organisms associated with the bottom area.
 - Structural support should be provided to the screen panels to prevent sagging and collapse of the screen.
 - Large cylindrical and box-type screens should have a manifold installed in them to ensure even water velocity distribution across the screen surface. The ends of the structure should be made out of solid materials and the end of the manifold capped.
 - Ensure regular maintenance of screens is carried out to prevent impingement of fish.
 - Pumps should be shut down when fish screens are removed for inspection and cleaning. If this is not possible, a secondary intake should be available.
20. The Proponent is advised that exploration sites (including drill sites, trenches, test pits, and sections of access trail) associated with ground disturbance and located close to open water bodies or watercourses fall under Section 45(1)(b) of the **Mineral Regulations** as a site that could cause sedimentation into a nearby water body. The Proponent is required to actively ensure that any sedimentation generated from the site does not enter the water body or watercourse. Some combination of erosion prevention and sedimentation control shall be used to meet this requirement.
21. The Proponent’s use of existing forest access roads must not impede access for other resource users, and any forest access roads used must be left in the condition found prior to the Proponent’s exploration activity with any rehabilitation required to be undertaken as a result of the exploration activity to be at the expense of Proponent.
22. Petroleum product spills into or near a water body and petroleum product spills greater than 70 litres (or of an uncertain volume) on land must be reported without delay to Service NL by calling the Environmental Emergency 24-hour line at 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089. In order to ensure that a quick and effective response to a spill event is possible, spill response equipment and absorbent materials should be readily available on-site.
23. The Proponent shall wash, refuel and service machinery and store fuel and other materials for the machinery in such a way as to prevent any deleterious substances from entering the water. Water depths should not submerge axle or differential vents.
24. If the exploration activity includes stream crossings and/or fording, the Proponent shall contact the Water Resources Management Division to obtain a Permit to Alter a Water Body.

25. A Water Use Licence (WUL) is required under the **Water Resources Act, 2002** <https://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/w04-01.htm>. The Proponent shall abide by the conditions contained in its Water Use Licence/Permit (WUL-XX-XXX) which are broad in scope towards protecting bodies of water. Upon receipt of the WUL/P, the Notification of Acceptance of Water Use Licence/Permit form must be signed and returned to the Water Rights and Investigations Section of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment within thirty (30) days in order for the WUL/P to be valid. In addition, a water use report ("Appendix B") must be completed and filed annually within thirty (30) days of the completion of the year's mineral exploration activities. Contact: Dr. Shabnam Mostofi, Environmental Engineer, Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section - (709) 729-2657 Email: ShabnamMostofi@gov.nl.ca.

The proponent must apply for and obtain a permit under the **Water Resources Act, 2002**, specifically Section 48 <http://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/w04-01.htm> for any work in any body of water (including wetland) prior to the start of construction.

Contact: Shabnam Mostofi, Environmental Engineer, Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section - (709) 729-2657 Email: ShabnamMostofi@gov.nl.ca

26. The proponent must apply for and obtain a permit under the Water Resources Act, 2002, specifically Section 39. The proposed development is adjacent to or within the Gander Lake Protected Public Water Supply Area servicing the Communities of Appleton, Gander and Glenwood. Work adjacent to or within this designated Protected Public Water Supply Area must comply with this Department's Policy for Land and Water Related Developments in Protected Public Water Supply Areas

https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/regulations/policies/water_related.html

The application is available under Surface Water at:

<https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/regulations/appforms/>

Contact: Manager, Drinking Water & Wastewater Section - (709) 729-4048

27. The Provincial Archaeology Office has reviewed and approved this referral on the basis that a **50m buffer is maintained on The Outflow, Gander River and a 100m buffer is maintained on Gander Lake**. There is always the possibility that archaeological material may be discovered whether or not an assessment has been carried out. With this in mind, standard precautionary and reporting procedures apply
28. The project area overlaps with an area zoned 'Rural' under the **Town of Appleton's Development Regulations**. Mineral working is a discretionary use within that zone type and, if permitted by the Town, must follow the conditions of the use zone (which redirect to the 'Mineral Workings' zone type): <https://www.gov.nl.ca/mae/files/registry-community-appleton-files-appleton-dr.pdf#page=67>

29. The project area overlaps with an area zoned 'Rural Conservation' under the **Protected Road Zoning Regulations**. Mineral working is a permitted use within that zone type and must follow the conditions of that zone:

Mining and quarrying use

4. (1) Any development associated with mineral extraction may be permitted in a rural conservation zone.

(2) All developments of this nature shall be maintained at a distance of 90 metres from the highway centre line, and shall be screened from highway view to the satisfaction of the authority.

(3) Upon conclusion of operations all refuse shall be removed, rough landscaping carried out and all accesses removed.

30. The project area overlaps with the planning area of the **Gander River Protected Area Plan**. Mineral working is a permitted use within that zone type and must follow the conditions of that zone:
- i) Mineral activity may be carried out throughout the Area in accordance with the intent of the Plan and subject to an environmental impact study as necessary.
 - ii) Surface activity in connection with mineral extraction shall not take place within 300 m of any salmon pool or within 30 m of a designated recreational area (unless approved by Mines).
 - iii) After mineral have been extracted from an area, that area shall be restored and made capable of beneficial use in accordance with the intent of the Plan. Mineral exploration involving no significant ground disturbance will be permitted. More advanced mineral exploration involving mechanical equipment must be approved by Mines
31. The area of application falls within an **Agriculture Areas of Interest (AOI#25)**, along with issued Agriculture titles. See attached map. The Agriculture Lands section would like to have the AOI identified on the attached mapping **removed from the Mineral Exploration area**. The proponent should be made aware that agriculture activities are taking place at this time and any developments should not interfere with agriculture properties, current or future agricultural production in these areas. If the proposed activities are anticipated to interfere with agriculture properties and future production in this area, the Land Management Division will work with the Mines Branch to mitigate any potential issues
32. There are a number of issued titles adjacent to and within the drill zones. Access by the title holders is not to be blocked. If road construction is required to access these sites, the proponent is to submit an application for Crown land. This application and related information can be found at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/lands/applications/>
33. Please be advised on the provisions of the **Historic Resources Act**, protecting archaeological sites, artifacts and significant fossils, and procedures to be followed in the event that either are found:
- a. A person who discovers an archaeological object or significant fossil in, on or forming part of the land within the province shall report the discovery forthwith to the Minister (responsible for the **Historic Resources Act**) stating the nature of the object, the location where it was discovered and the date of discovery;

- b. No person other than one to whom a permit has been issued under this Act, who discovers an archaeological object or significant fossil shall move, destroy, damage, deface, obliterate, alter, add to, mark or in any other way interfere with, remove or cause to be removed from the province that object or fossil;
- c. The property in all archaeological objects or significant fossils found in, on or taken from the land within the province, whether or not these objects or fossils are in possession of the Crown is vested in the Crown;

Should any archaeological remains be encountered, such as stone, bone or iron tools, concentrations of bone, charcoal or burned rock, fireplaces, house pits and/or foundations, activity in the area of the find must cease immediately and contact should be made with the Provincial Archaeologist in St. John's (709-729-2462) as soon as possible.

Copies of the **Historic Resources Act** and information on archaeology in the province may be obtained from the Provincial Archaeology Office upon request.

34. The Wildlife Division advises applicants to operate under established legislation and regulations, such as to prevent harassment of wildlife (Section 106 of the **Wild Life Regulations** under the **Wild Life Act**) and guidance with respect to wildlife and their habitats (e.g. nesting birds, caribou, waterfowl, wetlands, inland fish, rare plants, riparian species) to avoid or minimize adverse impacts.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the **Wild Life Regulations**:

- a. A person shall not operate an aircraft, motor vehicle, vessel, snow machine or all-terrain vehicle in a manner that will harass any wildlife;
- b. You are advised that helicopter supported exploration programs must be conducted in a manner that does not disturb, harass or harm any animal life that you encounter. This can easily be accomplished by avoiding concentrations of wildlife by rescheduling the planned activities for another day.
- c. Under no circumstances should nesting raptors be approached, not even for a "harmless" look. The startle effect that helicopters have on nesting raptors can be detrimental and therefore either a 600 m horizontal buffer from cliff faces or an altitude of 300 m must be observed.

No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200m buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division

The **Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, Migratory Bird Regulations, Wild Life Act and Wild Life Regulations** protect birds and prohibit the disturbance or destruction of bird nests and eggs in Newfoundland & Labrador. Proponents are advised to develop and implement appropriate preventative and mitigation measures to avoid incidental take of birds, nests and eggs.

The proponent must follow appropriate hunting and trapping protocols as set in the annual Hunting and Trapping Guide. Proponents are advised to develop and implement appropriate preventative and mitigation measures to avoid incidental take of wildlife species.

Proponents must adhere to the **Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Regulations** under the **Motorized Snow Vehicle and All-Terrain Act (O.C.96-240)**.

<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/regulations/rc961163.htm>

This approval is due to expire on October 8, 2021.

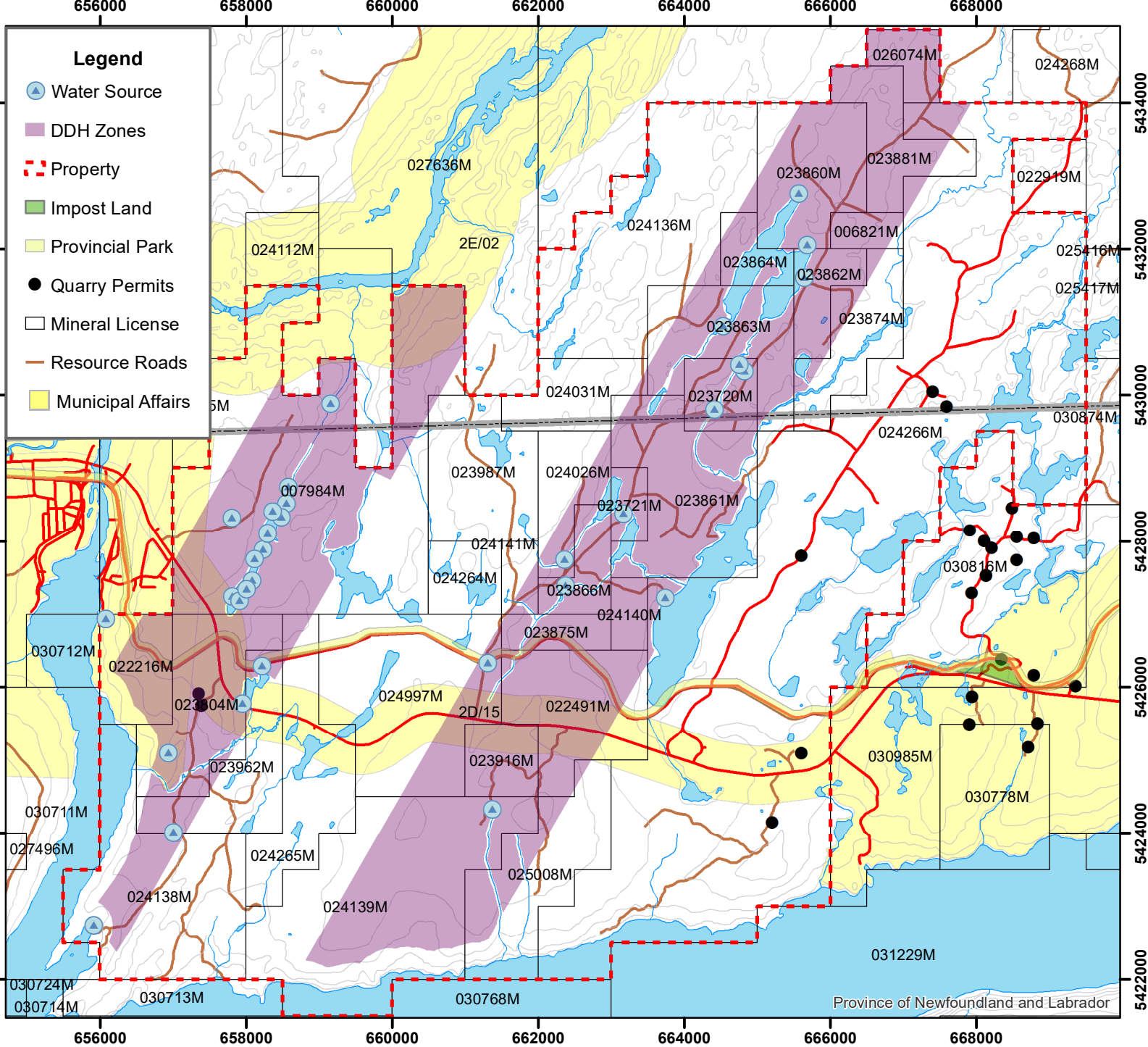
If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact the Mineral Lands Division at exploration_approval@gov.nl.ca

Regards,










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**Matthew Snow,
Exploration Approvals Geologist**

Exploration Approval (750 DDH, Airborne Geophysics, Fuel Storage) for New Found Gold on the Queensway North Property, NTS: 2E/02, 2D/15 Licence: 023864M 023861M 024266M 024026M 024140M 023881M 023863M 023862M 026074M 023866M 007984M 024141M 023874M 023721M 023720M 023962M 023875M 023860M 024031M 022491M 024138M 024139M 024265M 023987M 022216M 023804M 024264M 006821M 024136M



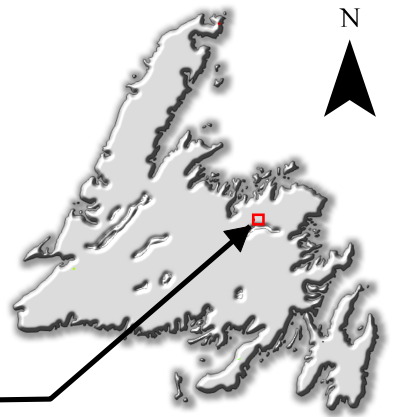
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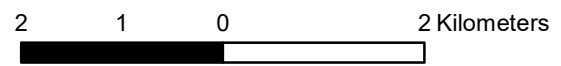
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- Crown Land Reserve
- CBPPL Timber Limits
- Quarry Permits
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GeoReference
UTM NAD 27 Zone 21

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Project



September 18, 2020

File Ref No. 200.20.3013

Your File No. E200303

Mr. Kevin Sheppard
Mineral Lands Division
Department of Industry, Energy and Technology
PO Box 8700
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For: Mineral Exploration - Queensway North
At: Near Appleton
From: New Found Gold Corp.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

This application was referred to us and it has been determined that registration is required under Sections 28 & 52(2) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2003.

Please be aware that under provisions of the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2, the undertaking may not proceed and other government agencies may not issue any required authorizations until a decision is rendered by the Minister.

Please be advised that, in accordance with Government's Proactive Disclosure Initiative, all Ministerial decision letters related to the project will be posted online subject to any exceptions to disclosure provided under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015.

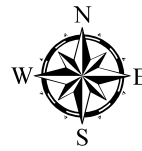
If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Vicki Ficzero, Environmental Scientist at (709) 729-2822 or vickificzero@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

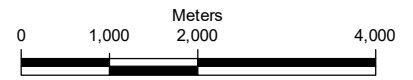
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Director (A)
Environmental Assessment Division

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for New Found Gold - Queensway North Property
Mapsheet 02E/02 & 02D/15
Glenwood/Appleton Area , NL



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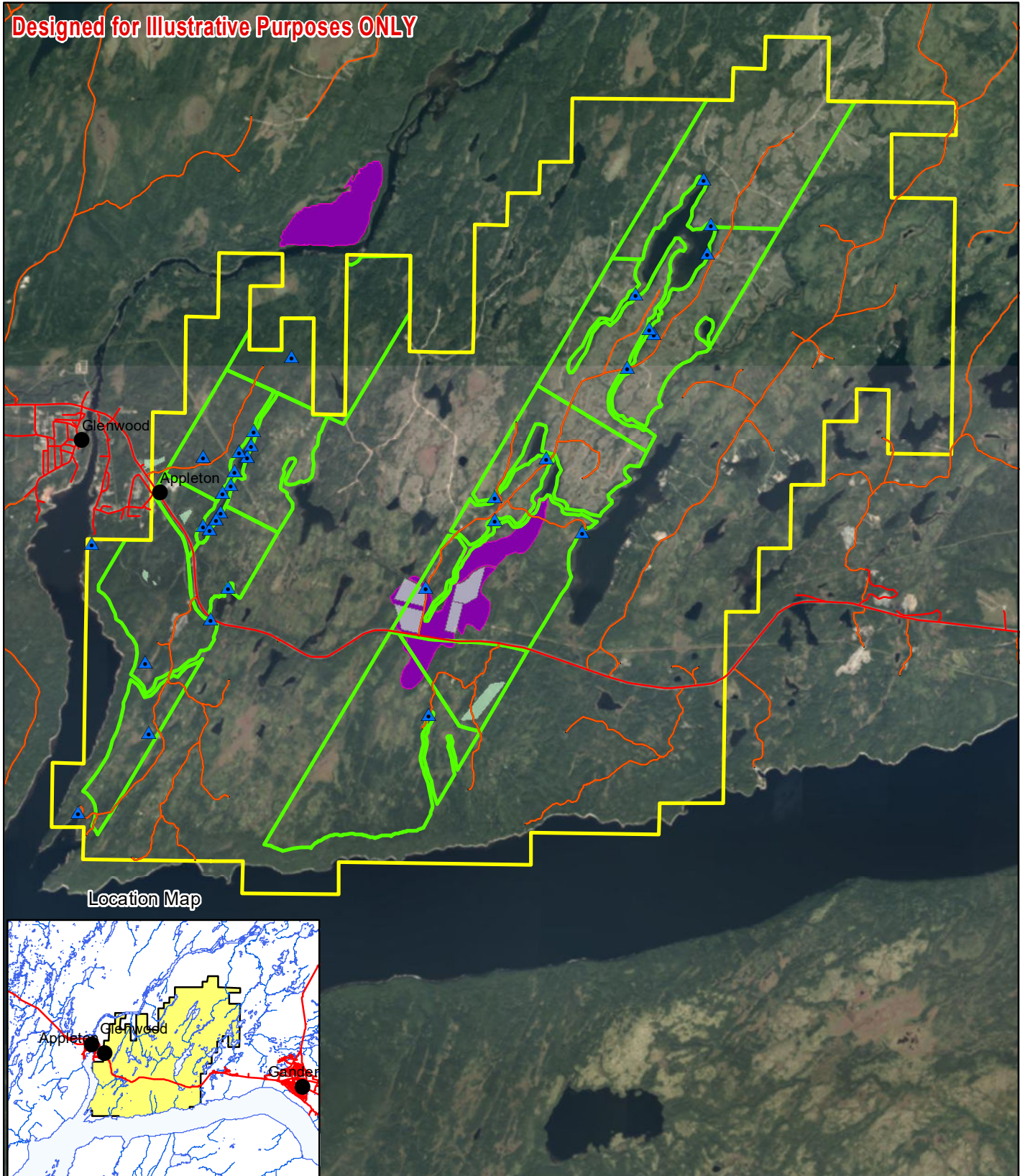


Legend

- Water_Source (Blue triangle)
- Road Network (Red line)
- Property (Yellow outline)
- QWN_DrillZones2021 (Green outline)
- Agricultural Issued Titles (Light green fill)
- AOI #25 (Purple fill)

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
Agriculture and Lands Branch
September 2020

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September 21, 2020

Matthew Snow

Mineral Lands Division,
Department of Natural Resources
St. John's, NL.

To whom it may concern:

Referral Name: New Found Gold Corp – Queensway North Property

Referral No.: E200303 **Location:** Central Newfoundland

Approved Refused Held

Conditions/Comments:

The Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) T’Railway Provincial Park crosses through the entire section of the proposed prospecting area, please see the map inset. The proponent must be advised that under the Provincial Parks Act and associated Regulations:

Constitution of provincial parks:

- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a park may not be utilized in any manner for
- (a) mineral exploration;
 - (b) mining

Prohibitions:

3. (1) A person shall not, except in accordance with a permit for management or scientific purposes, remove, harm, hunt, chase, destroy or cause damage to any object whether animate or inanimate that is contained within the boundaries of a provincial park.
- (2) A person shall not introduce to a provincial park a plant or animal species except in accordance with a permit for management or scientific purposes.

The Provincial Parks Regulations S. 10 prohibits operation of a motor vehicle or a four wheel drive vehicle in the NL T’Railway Provincial Park (T’Railway). All terrain vehicles are permitted to use the T’Railway. A permit for temporary vehicular use through the T’Railway can be obtained through us, an application would need to be submitted for this.

To ensure accidental encroachment into the Provincial Park does not occur, Parks Division requests that the proponent maintain a buffer distance (i.e., no activity within) at least 100 metres from the

park boundary. The onus will be on the prospector(s) to be mindful of the park boundary as to where it is and to respect it when prospecting at all times.

Screening Representative: Daniel Sweetapple, Land Management Specialist (709) 637-8077



APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Exploration Referral

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Date: September 30, 2020

RE: E200303, New Found Gold – Queensway North Property

The Government Service Centre has no objections to this proposal provided the following conditions are adhered to:

Waste

1. All waste material is to be placed in suitable refuse containers and removed to an approved waste disposal site, with the approval of Service NL and site owner/operator.
2. Any cut brush should be chopped/shredded, burnt on-site or removed to an approved waste disposal site for burning with the approval of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and/or the owner/operator of the waste disposal site.
3. Tires and used or waste oil is not to be used to aid in the burning of brush.

Gasoline and Associated Products

1. Any proposed fuel cache will require review by the Government Service Centre prior to installation.
2. All fuel storage tank system installations other than those connected to a heating appliance of a capacity of 2,500 litres or less are subject to the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations* and will require approval by the Government Service Centre prior to installation.
3. All fuel storage tank systems connected to a heating appliance of a capacity of 2,500 litres or less must comply with the *Heating Oil Storage Tank System Regulations*.
4. The storage, handling and disposal of used and or waste oil must be in compliance with the *Used Oil and Used Glycol Control Regulations*.
5. In order to ensure that a quick and effective response to a spill event is possible, spill response equipment should be readily available on-site. Response equipment, such as absorbents and open-ended barrels for collection of clean-up debris, should be stored in an accessible location on-site. Personnel working on the project should be knowledgeable about response procedures. The proponent should consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event.
6. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to Service NL by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089.

Other

1. All propane system installations exceeding 211,000 kilojoules (200,000 BTU) are subject to the Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations and will require approval prior to installation.
2. On-site stockpiles of treated utility poles and timber are to be stored such that they are not in direct contact with the ground.
3. If at any time this operation is deemed to be creating environmental problems, corrective action will have to be taken by the owner/operator, as directed by the Government Service Centre and/or the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities.

Appendix 4

New Found Gold Corporation Environmental Spill Response Plan 2020-2021

ENVIRONMENTAL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

1. Introduction

The environmental spill response plan has been developed to mitigate the potential negative environmental effects of a spill arising from field operations. The plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of person's involved, necessary equipment, tools and training along with contact details for outside agencies required during a spill.

Emphasis is placed on the prevention of spills however contingency planning is necessary in event of highly unusual circumstances.

2. Definitions

- a. **A spill** is defined as an unauthorized discharge into the natural environment of a solid, liquid, or gas, that is abnormal in quality or quantity.
- b. **Hazardous materials** that may or may not be present at a field project site include:
 - i. Petroleum products: oils, fuel oil, gasoline, greases
 - ii. Contaminated water: drill return water, silty water resulting from precipitation
 - iii. Coolants: glycols other
 - iv. Human waste
- c. **A spill to land** shall mean any spill that spills onto soil, vegetation or other hard surface or spills to standing water (puddles etc.)
- d. **A spill to water** shall mean any spills into water that are connected to local drainage.
- e. **Personnel** shall mean all employees, contractors and agents of New Found Gold Corp.

3. Spills Reporting

- a. All personnel are required to report spills of any size to the project site manager.
- b. The project site manager is responsible for the reporting of spills that exceed the spill reporting guidelines to the appropriate authorities. Triggers for the reporting of a spill to MOECC:
 - i. Petroleum product spill to land greater than 70 litres or of unknown quantity.
 - ii. Petroleum product spill to water of any quantity.
 - iii. Spill of glycol or other antifreeze of any quantity.
 - iv. Spill of silt, sediment laden water into a waterway.

- c. All spills shall be documented in a spill report, this is to include the product, volume, location, persons involved, possible causes, recommended preventative measures, cleanup measures taken and post cleanup inspection.

4. Protective/Preventative Measures

a. Secondary Containments

All locations with containers carrying fuel or other petroleum based product will at all times be contained with a secondary containment structure which shall be of sufficient volume to contain 110% of the volume of liquid held in the primary container.

Drilling sites are to be prepared in such a way that berms and sumps placed on the downslope side of the drilling location are sufficient to contain the drill return waters and have sufficient retention time to allow for the settling of drill cuttings before the water absorbs into the natural environment. In no case should drilling waters be allowed to travel more than 30 metres from a drill site.

At drilling locations, all drill cuttings, muds and additives will be collected with a sludge collector system affixed to the drill and all resulting collected muds, drill cuttings and additives shall be disposed of at a waste disposal site approved by service NL.

Other locations where sedimentation into water body seems probable, erosion control measures such as silt fencing, straw bales shall be used. This could include stream crossing or other locations close to waterbodies.

b. Spill Cleanup Materials

Locations, vehicles, equipment that contains a hazardous product must have spill cleanup materials readily available. This should include absorbent pads, pillows, socks and booms as required. The size of spill kit should be proportional to the volume of liquid being stored.

After a spill has occurred and cleanup is completed the used spill cleanup materials shall be placed into an approved holding bin at the project site and promptly removed from the site to an approved disposal location.

A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refueled. The kit must contain the following:

- Fire pump and 100 metres of hose
- Two hand operated fuel pumps

- Six recovery containers such as empty 205 litre drums
- Four shovels
- Two pick axes
- Ten metres of containment boom
- On hundred litres of loose absorbent material

c. Drip Prevention

Equipment such as drill pumps, portable pump, engine housing shall include a drip pan lined with absorbent oil pads and promptly removed before overflow can occur.

d. Diversion Tools

Diversion tools should be made readily available including shovels; when available heavy equipment should also be utilized.

e. Water based containments

Areas such as drill pump or fire pump locations where petroleum products are to be in proximity to waterbodies require the installation of floating oil booms as a preventative measure.

f. Buffer Zones

Drilling or excavating shall not occur within 30m of all natural water bodies, with exception of pumping locations no other activity is to occur within 30m of a natural water body. This buffer is expanded to 300m for work specifically occurring near Gander Lake and 100m from any tributaries running directly into Gander Lake.

g. Storage of hazardous materials

Hazardous materials should never be stored within 30 metres of a water body or 300 metres of Gander Lake.

h. Erosion control measures

Erosion control materials primarily as silt fencing will be made available on site.

i. Transfer/transport of hazardous materials

Hazardous materials are always to be handled with care; the transfer of petroleum products should always occur at site specific transfer locations and never left unattended during

transfers. Transport of petroleum products shall be done with either CSA approved slip tanks with volumes less than 500 litres or jerry cans with volumes less than 25 litres.

j. Human Waste

Human waste generated at the site will be trucked off site to an approved sewage plant. Contractor owned “porta-jon” will be used with regular service.

k. Solid Waste

Solid waste is to be transported off site regularly by the contractor and disposed at their shop through normal solid waste stream approved by Services NL.

l. Records

All areas of new disturbance, drill trails and drill pads will undergo pre and post drilling photography via drone or ground images for records purposes. Drill pad pre and post inspections will be retained for the duration of the project. Periodically the company shall use satellite imagery to monitor the scale of its development and reclamation efforts.

5. Spills Cleanup

- a. All personnel on site whether contractors or employees and dealing with hazardous materials shall be trained in the basic use of spill response equipment and clean up procedures. All personnel shall be required to review the site specific environmental spill response plan.
- b. MSDS sheets for all hazardous materials present at the project site should be readily available.
- c. Personnel involved in spills clean up should always wear protective clothing/equipment as required in the product’s MSDS sheet.

6. Spills Cleanup Procedures

a. Discover spill and complete initial assessment

- Prior to initiating response plan, identify immediate hazards and use appropriate PPE.
- Halt activities that are causing the spill. If safe to do so, STOP THE PRODUCT FLOW! I.e. close valves, elevate leaking hoses, shut off pumps, etc.
- Prior to taking further action, complete an incident assessment - identify product, determine volume spilled, environmental impact and safety precautions to be taken.

b. Notify

- Report spill in accordance with company and local legislative requirements.

- If spill is beyond the crew's level of training and experience, seek assistance from a spill response specialist.

c. Containment and Recovery

- Employ hand tools, heavy equipment and spill response equipment available at hand to minimize the spread and impact of the spill until additional resources and expertise arrive, if required.

d. Spills to Land

- Determine area/extent of spill. Contain spills away from any water course.
- Mark the perimeter of the spill. Dig recovery ditches around the perimeter and sump(s) within the spill area.
- Monitor ditches and sump(s) to ensure the collection system is effective.
- Recover the product from the containment area, treat and/or dispose of in an approved manner.

e. Spills to Water

- Corral the spill using whatever surface water containment system possible.
- Divert and corral the spilled product to the containment system using absorbent booms or other methods.
- Continue to sweep and corral the spilled product to one corner for recovery.

f. Document, Follow-up, Disposal and Site Remediation

- Ensure spills have been documented in a spill report and reported to agencies and/or designated persons.
- Complete clean-up and required mitigation actions. If required contact a spill response specialist for assistance.
- Complete and submit an Incident Report within 24 hrs.

7. Spill Roles and Responsibilities

a. First on Scene

- i. Evaluate, identify the source of the spill and spilled product
- ii. Implementation of security measures, ensure unauthorized persons are not entering the spill location
- iii. Can you stop the spill safely? If so close the valve, turn off pumps or other gravity flow hoses.
- iv. Prevent access of spilled material to water through diversion channels, sumps.
- v. Contact site manager and include location and status report as soon as possible
- vi. Assist spill response team members in conducting spills response cleanup.

b. Spill Response Team

- i. Stop or reduce the discharge, if safe to do so

- ii. Deploy spill response equipment
- iii. If possible, prevent access of spilled material to water
- iv. Continue cleanup as directed by the site project manager or until relieved
- v. Restore damaged environment and property as directed
- vi. Collect contaminated and hazardous materials and store them in separate sealed containers
- vii. Prepare the materials for transport to an authorized disposal site
- viii. In case of large spills, collect soil/water samples for a characterization by an accredited laboratory, as directed.
- ix. Complete a spill report and assist in remediation efforts as required

c. Project/Site Manager

- i. Assess risk for potential spills and identify preventative and control measures required.
- ii. Ensure Emergency Response Plan is readily available on site.
- iii. Ensure Spill Response Plan is readily available on site.
- iv. Ensure all workers are familiar with potential spill activities/sites, spill kit requirements and locations.
- v. Ensure workers are trained in WHMIS and spill response.
- vi. Have appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) readily available for all controlled products on site.
- vii. Conduct periodic spill preparedness and response drills.
- viii. Complete spill kit inspections and maintain spill kits as necessary.
- ix. Respond to all spills in accordance with the Environmental Spill Response Plan. The person responsible for a spill of hazardous material is responsible for taking appropriate actions to minimize environmental impact.
- x. Report all reportable spills and complete a spill report including follow up remediation report.

8. Liabilities/Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all personnel involved in field operations to ensure that spills do not occur and proper protective measures are in place. As project owner New Found Gold Corp has the ultimate responsibility for the protection of the environment at its project sites from harm that may arise from operations. Owing to the fact most work conducted at the site will be done so by contractors NFGC is committed to ensuring those contractors are best in class and are directly liable for spills resulting from their negligence/ non-adherence to the Environmental Spill Response Plan. NFGC and contractors must carry insurance coverage for spills and environmental cleanup in amounts no less than \$1.0 Million.

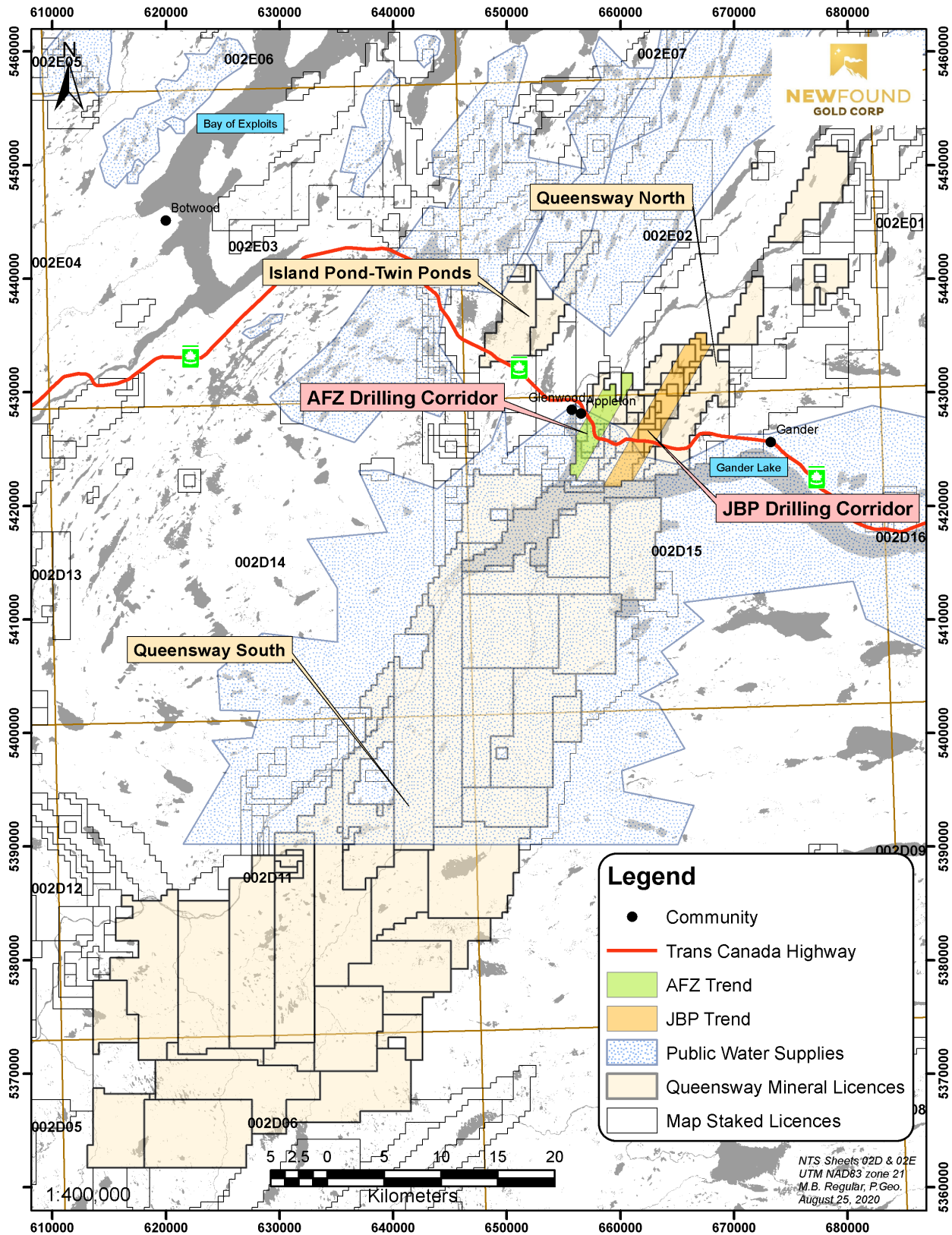
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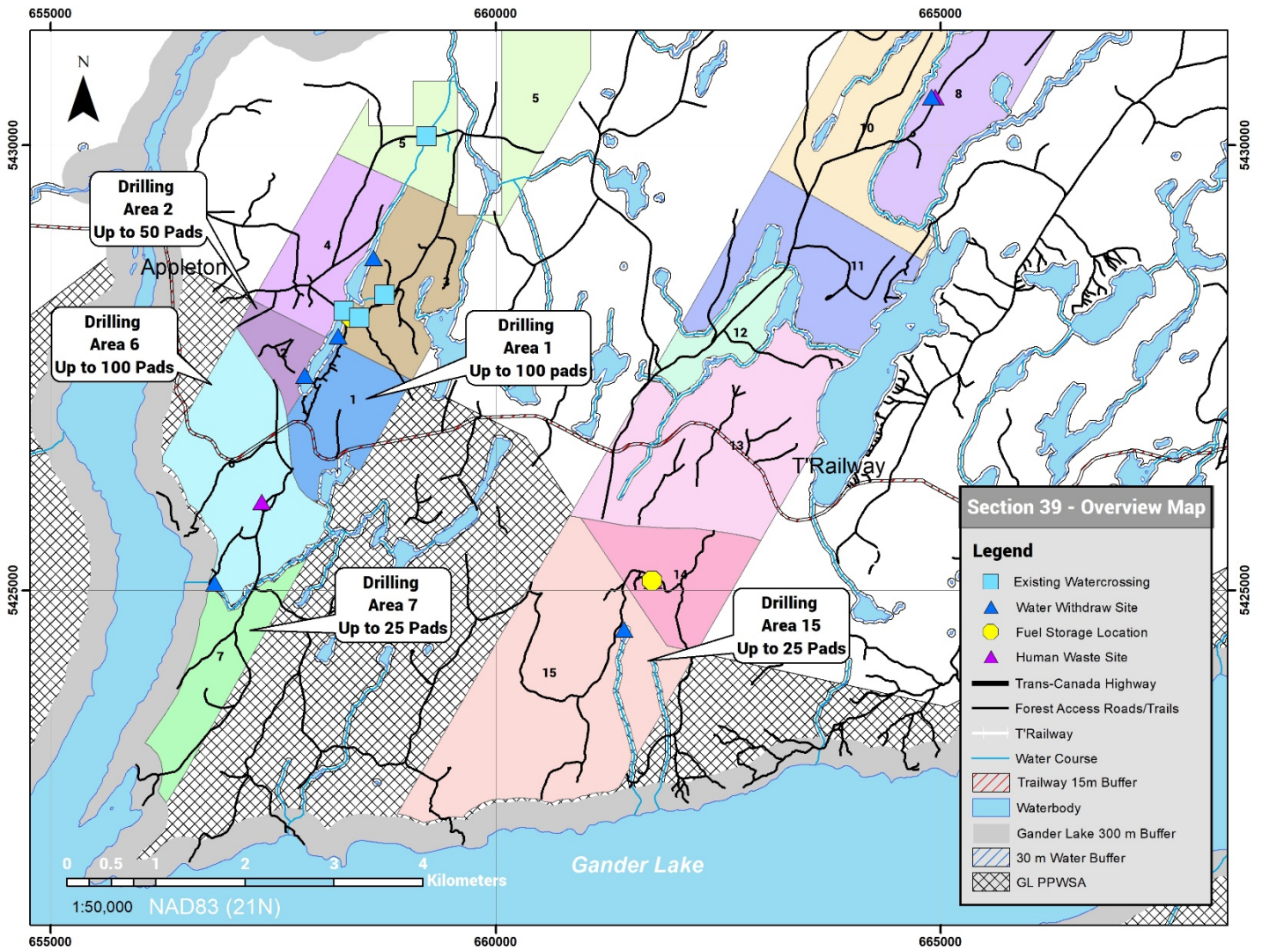
- Drilling of 750 diamond drill holes or reverse circulation drill holes including 300 drill holes inside of the Gander Lake PPWSA
- **Clearing of 8000m of access trails inside of the Gander Lake PPWSA**
- All bulk fuel and waste storage will be outside of GLPPWS
- Anticipated fuel use will be approximately 360L/day of coloured diesel per diamond drill up to 10 drill
- Fuel storage within the Protected Public Water Supply Area shall be limited to the amount of fuel required to drill each borehole up to a maximum of no more than two (2) new 205 litre drums, or one (1) CSA or ULC approved slip tank having a capacity of 500 litres. All fuel drums or slip tanks must be in good condition. Refueling sites shall be located at least 30 metres from any water body or wetland. Fuel drums or slip tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch and contain in excess of 110 % of the aggregate volume of fuel.
- Anticipated water taking will be 200m³/day and shall be verified periodically by bucket testing
- Sediment/Erosion control material installation do not appear necessary upon preliminary inspection however materials will be on site to be deployed as necessitated. Drilling pads are to be designed to allow for containment of hazardous substances.
- A 30 metre buffer for drill pad locations will be maintained surrounding all natural water bodies and expanded to a 300 metre buffer for working around Gander Lake including 100m around all tributaries running into Gander Lake.

10. Site Specific Water Quality Management - Drilling East of Appleton, NL (sites A,B,C,E) and South of the TCH (site D)

- All water, runoff or effluent from the mineral exploration activity that is pumped or flows by gravity, shall have silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, and visible turbidity removed by means of sediment boxes, settling tanks, settling ponds, sumps dug into the ground, filtration or other suitable treatment, to less than or equal to 30 milligrams per litre of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), before being discharged to the environment. More specifically, at the last point of control, the final discharge of all water, runoff or effluent must conform to the limits specified in Schedule A of the Environmental Control Water and Sewer Regulations, 2003, <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc030065.htm>. It is the responsibility of New Found Gold Corp to demonstrate, that the final discharge meets the requirement of these Regulations. A minimum of one grab sample must be collected from the final discharge point for each borehole, analyzed at an accredited Laboratory, and the results provided to the Water Resources Management Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment within seven (7) days of the receipt of analytical results. Sample are to be analyzed for:
 - Total Dissolved Solids
 - Total Suspended Solids
 - Arsenic

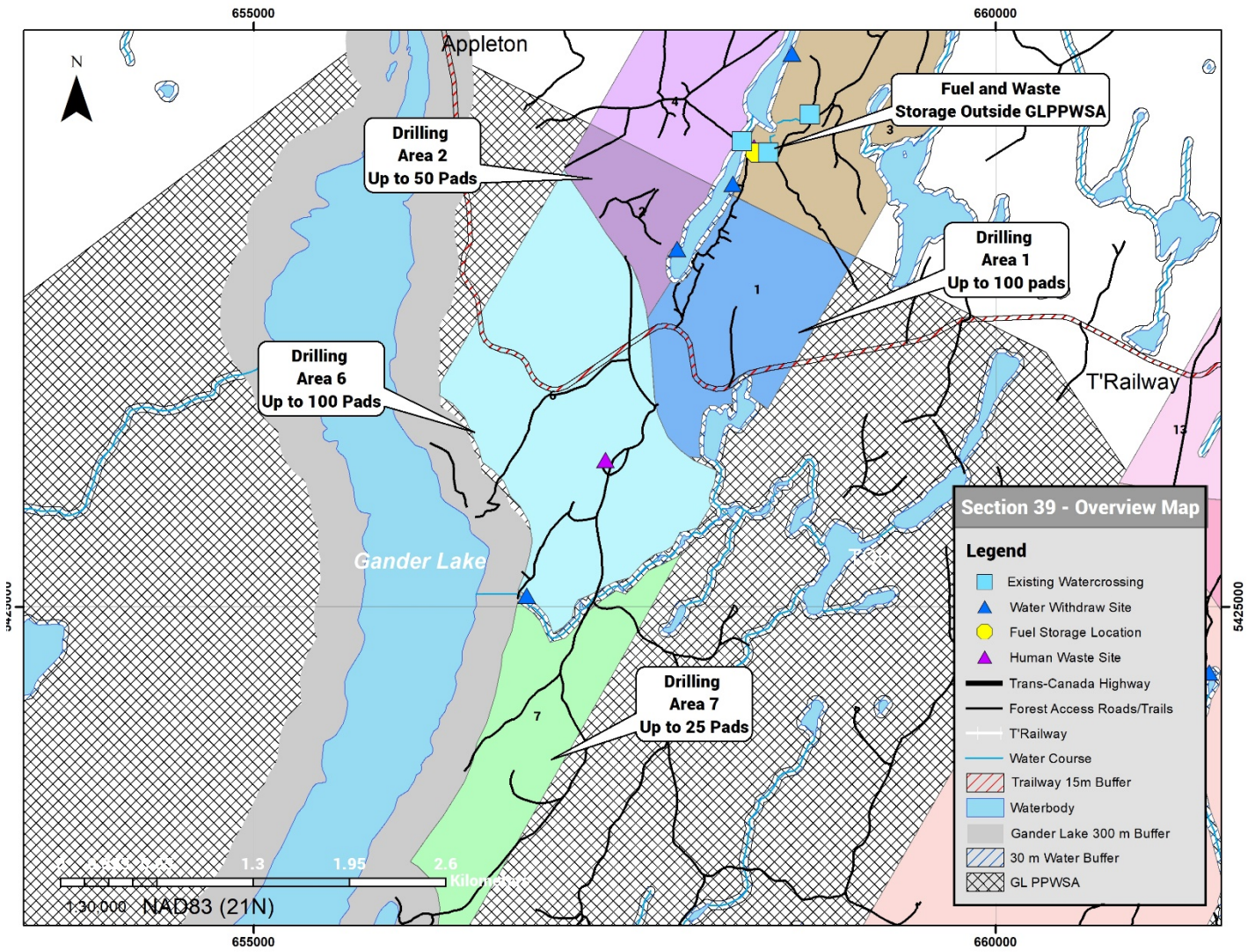
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 - Chromium
 - Copper
 - Cyanide
 - Iron
 - Lead
 - Mercury
 - Nickel
 - Nitrates
 - Nitrogen (ammoniacal)
 - Phosphorous
 - Selenium
 - Sulfides
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- All silt, sludge, sediment, cuttings, drilling additives, and drilling mud must be collected and disposed of at a waste disposal site approved by Service NL

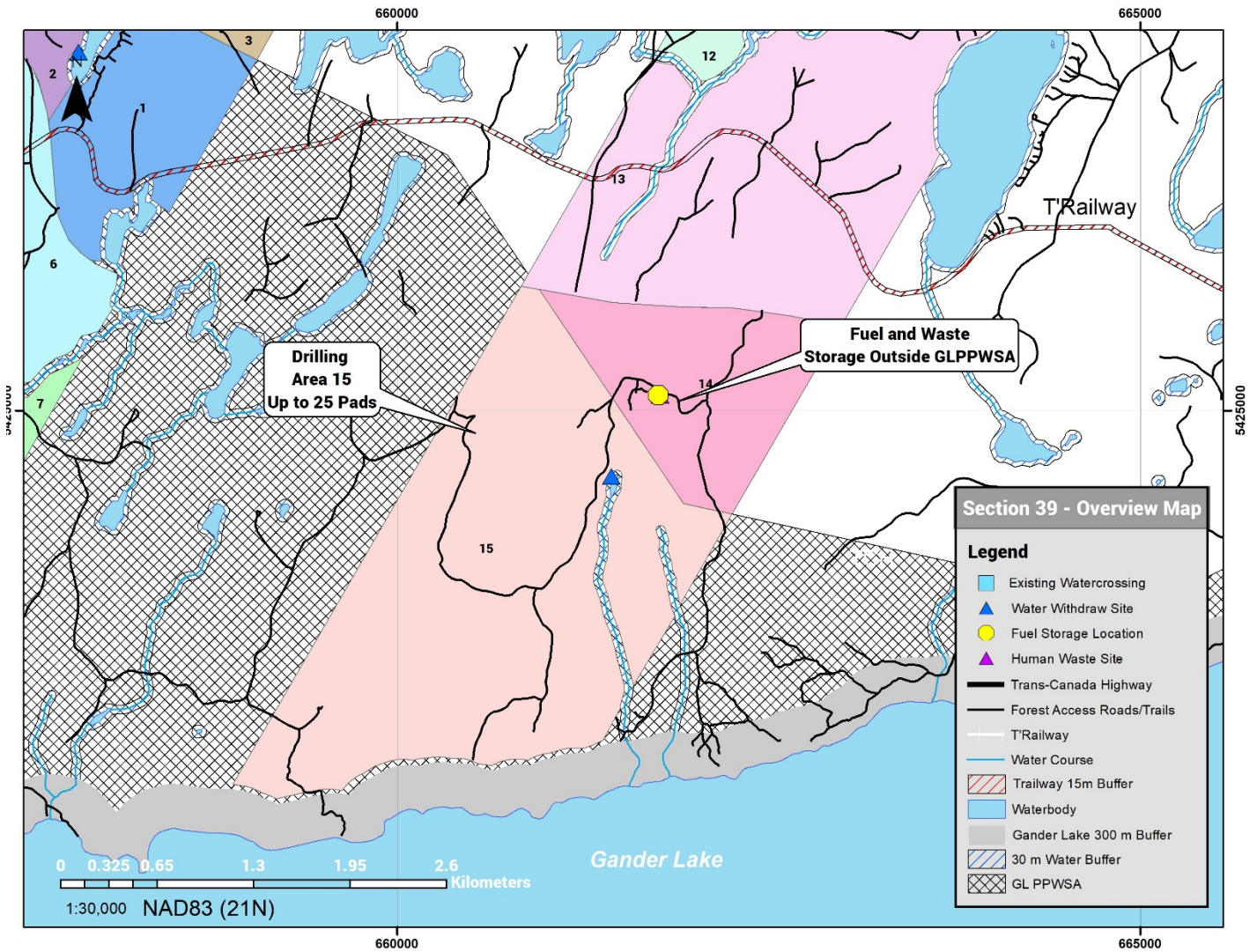




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Proposed Work Locations:

Planned Site	Easting (NAD 83)	Northing (NAD 83)
Water Withdraw Point (Area 3+4) – Outside of GLPPWSA	658227	5427850
Water Withdraw Point (Area 2)	657852	5427412
Water Withdraw Point (Area 6+7)	656838	5425075
Water Withdraw Point (Area 15)	661439	5424556
Water Withdraw Point (Area 3) – Outside of GLPPWSA	668627	5428731
Water Withdraw Point (Area 8+9)	664897	5430539
Fuel and Oil Storage (Area 1+2+3+4+5) – Outside of GLPPWSA	658380	5428061
Fuel and Oil Storage (Area 13+14+15) – Outside of GLPPWSA	661754	5425106
Human Waste Site (Area 1+2+3+4+5) – Outside of GLPPWSA	658369	5428098
Human Waste Site (Area 6+7)	657368	5425991
Human Waste Site (Area 13+14+15)	661768	5425103
Human Waste Site (Area 8+9+10+11+12+13) – Outside of GLPPWSA	664941	5430543

11. Site Specific Closure/Rehab Plans

Drill pad sites are to be leveled and covered with existing vegetative materials available at the site. The rehab of drill site will be photographed via drone or ground imagery post drilling/post closure. Drill hole collars will be plugged and grouted (cemented) from a depth no less than 10 metres below bedrock interface to 10 metres above the bedrock interface such that no artesian flow can occur. Drill pad locations will be periodically seeded with an approved reclamation mixture of native seeds to encourage root development and limit erosion.

All drill cuttings contained in sumps at the drill pad locations to be removed with hydravac trucks and disposed at an approved waste disposal facility. Sumps will be refilled and leveled.

New drill trails will be scarified and allowed to revegetate naturally or as required seeded with approved reclamation mixture. Existing roads will be repaired where use has caused degradation.

Post drilling inspections are to include visual appearance, evidence of petroleum products, any trash left at the site and monitoring of natural drainage of the site.

Spill Response Contact Details

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Kevin Keats, Site Manager 300 Garrett Drive Gander, Newfoundland A1V 0H5 Cell: (709) 424-1077 Email: kkeats@newfoundgold.ca
Greg Matheson, COO (acting site manager) 69 Yonge St. Suite 1010 Toronto, Ontario M5E 1K3 Cell: (705) 570-1233 Email: gmatheson@newfoundgold.ca

MOECC Spill Reporting (800) 563-9089

Emergency Contact Numbers **(Newfoundland and Labrador)**

Provincial Contacts	
DNR-Mines - St.Johns, NL (Matthew Snow – Mineral Exploration Site Inspector)	TEL: (709) 670-5798
DMAE - St. Johns, NL (Janice McCarthy-Senior Engineer)	TEL: (709) 729-7634
DMAE - St. Johns, NL (Shabnam, Mostofi – Environmental Engineer)	TEL: (709) 729-2657
GLWMC - Gander, NL (James Blackwood – Committee Chair)	TEL: (709) 651-5915
MOECC - Atlantic	TEL: (800) 563-9089

Federal Contacts		
MOECC - Downsview, ON	TEL: (416) 739-4809	FAX: (416) 739-4776
DFO - Ottawa, ON	TEL: (613) 993-0999	FAX: (613) 990-1866

General Emergencies - 911	
Police (RCMP) -	TEL: (709) 256-6841
Ambulance - Gander	TEL: (709) 651-2111
Air Ambulance - Gander	TEL: (709) 777-6320
Forest Fire - FLR Fire Management	TEL: (866) 709-3473
Hospital - Gander	TEL: (709) 256-2500
COVID-19 HOTLINE	811

Environmental Contractors	
H. Warehams & Sons (Vacuum truck services)	TEL: (709) 256-4753
Petroleum and Environmental Services Inc. (Environmental First Responders)	TEL: 1 (877) 449-2335
PBO Industrial Disposal (Solid Waste Disposal)	TEL: (709) 489-9896
Feldhams Construction (Porta-Jon Rentals) (Vacuum truck services)	TEL: (709) 533-3322