

APPENDIX A REGULATORY ADVICE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

EA 2273 – Appleton Mineral Exploration Project Expansion (the Project)

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

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises you to consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change advises you that a water use license is required, and permits are required for any work in or within fifteen (15) meters of a body of water (including wetlands), and work adjacent to or within the Gander Lake Protected Public Water Supply Area. Any work adjacent to or within the designated Protected Public Water Supply Areas (PPWSA) must comply with the Policy for Land and Water-Related Developments in the PPWSA which is available at the following link <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/waterres/regulations/policies/water-related/>. Any effluent or runoff leaving the site is required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations.

WRMD advises that the permit # PRO11547-2020 which was issued to you for the Project under Section 39 of the **Water Resources Act** is only valid for a total of 300 drill holes within the PPWSA. Any drill holes above the 300 drill holes limit will require a new permit. Any activity or developments within 300 metres around Gander Lake, 100 metres around Gander River and 30 metres around all water bodies that are located within the PPWSA are prohibited and a Section 39 permit will not be issued. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-1646.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) informs you that portion of the proposed Project area overlaps with Cottage Planning Areas, Cottage Development Planning Areas and Crown Reserves and advises you that the proposed activities must not encroach on existing titles and you are required to ensure the safety of residents, cottage owners and other recreational users during completing the exploration activities. The proposed Project area also overlaps the Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited's (CBPPL) land tenure, and FFA advises you to consult with CBPPL to mitigate any land use conflicts. FFA further informs that the proposed Project overlaps with an Agriculture Area of Interest and the Project activities should not interfere with agriculture properties

and production, and should not encroach on existing titles. FFA notes that feeding of wild animals is not permitted and the site must be kept clean of garbage. All nuisance animals occurring at the site must be reported to the nearest Forest Management District Office. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2535.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system requires approval from the GSC. Development permits will be required from GSC under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations and the Gander River Protected Area Regulations. Any proposed access off the highway to the site must be approved by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Any existing tree screen concealing the operation from the public view is to be maintained. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 256-1420.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises you that exploration approvals are required under the **Mineral Act** to carry out the Project and that you follow the Environmental Guidelines for Mineral and Quarry Materials Exploration with respect to mulching which is available at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/iet/mines/exploration/guidelines/>. IET further advises you to consult both the Newfoundland and Labrador Power and the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro throughout the Project's life to ensure that no conflicts arise with the existing or the planned electricity assets. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-3131.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division (OHS) of DGSNL advises you to ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with the legislation. For further information, please contact OHS at 1 (800) 563-5471.

The Provincial Parks Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation advises that motor vehicles except for All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles travelling along the NL T'Railway Provincial Park require a Temporary Vehicular Access permit from the Parks Division. For further information, please contact the Provincial Parks Division at (709) 637-2411.

The Tourism Product Development Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation advises you to contact the following outfitters Bear Cliff Lodge, Twelve Acre Lodge (Baine Johnson Properties Limited) and Beaver Lodge (Browning Harvey Limited) to mitigate any conflicts associated with the Project. For further information, please contact the Tourism Product Development Division at (709) 729-4518.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) advises that no encroachment is permitted on TI property without prior written approval from the Deputy Minister. A Permit to Work within the department's Right of Way is required for any work within 30 meters from the center line of the Trans-Canada Highway and can be obtained from the Lewisporte Depot prior to work commencing. For further information, please contact TI at (709) 729-5399.

Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service (ECCC-CWS) encourages you to develop the following plans:

- An oil spill prevention and response plan; and
- A contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions that considers site-specific conditions and sensitivities.

ECCC further advises that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory birds, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15 and August 15 in this region. ECCC requests that species-at-risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) at ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca and to the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre at <http://accdc.com/en/contribute.html>. For further information, please contact the ECCC-CWS at (709) 777-4221.