

Staff Report

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| Applicant: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division | |
| Location: Tundra Mine Site | Application: MV2016X0011 & MV2016L8-0003 |
| Date Prepared: June 13, 2016 | Meeting Date: June 22, 2016 |
| Subject: Confirmation of Preliminary Screening Exemption | |

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to seek confirmation from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB/the Board) that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division’s (INAC-CARD) Applications for a Type A Water License (License) MV2016L8-0003 and associated Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2016X0011 for the Tundra Mine Remediation Project are exempt from preliminary screening in accordance with the Exemption List Regulations.

2. Background

- May 17, 2016 – Permit MV2016X0011 and Licence MV2016L8-0003 Applications submitted to the Board;
- May 18, 2016 – Applications deemed complete and sent for review;
- June 6, 2016 – Reviewer comments due on the application and preliminary screening exemption;
- June 9, 2016 – Work plan approved by Board;
- June 10, 2016 – INAC-CARD responses due;
- **June 22, 2016 – Presented to the Board for decision.**

3. Discussion

The Applications which have been submitted, are for the remediation of the abandoned gold mining and milling operations at the Tundra Mine site, located near Bulldog Lake, in the Northwest Territories.

Preliminary screenings were previously conducted for the existing Permit MV2009X0019 and Licence MV2009L8-0008 (attached – September 23,

2009; December 17, 2009). Board staff have reviewed these screenings, the initial 2008 application, and the current Applications and believe the undertaking is exempt from further screening as per Schedule 1, Paragraph 2 of the Exemption List Regulations of the MVRMA, which states:

A development, or part thereof, for which renewal of a permit, licence or authorization is requested that

- a) Has not been modified; and
- b) Has fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* or the Environment Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order.

The Post Closure activities that are described in the current application have been subject to preliminary screening in 2009 (attached).

4. Comments

Not applicable.

5. Reviewer Comments

INAC-CARD noted in their Applications they believe they are exempt from preliminary screening as the project scope has not been modified, and has previously gone through preliminary screening during the review and issuance of MV2009X0019 and MV2009L8-0008.

Board staff requested reviewers comment on INAC-CARD's exemption during the review period; no comments or recommendations were received on this topic.

6. Security

Not applicable.

7. Conclusion

Board staff have reviewed the preliminary screenings that have been previously completed for the Tundra Mine Remediation Project (September 23, 2009; December 17, 2009), the information submitted for the existing authorizations (Permit MV2009X0019 and Licence MV2009L8-0008), and the current Applications (Permit MV2016X0011 and Licence MV2016L8-0003) and conclude the undertaking is exempt from preliminary screening in accordance with the Exemption List Regulations.

8. Recommendation

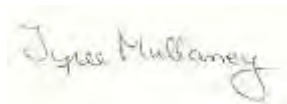
Board staff recommends the Board confirm that the Applications submitted by INAC-CARD for Permit MV2016X0011 and Licence MV2016L8-0003 are exempt from preliminary screening in accordance with the Exemption List Regulations.

9. Attachments

- [Preliminary Screening - September 23, 2009](#)
- [Preliminary Screening – December 17, 2009](#)
- [Permit and Licence Applications](#)
- [Supporting Documentation Appendices](#)
- [Appendix A – Phase 2 Remedial Action Plan](#)
- [Appendix B – Reference Maps](#)
- [Appendix C – HHERA](#)
- [Appendix D – Community Engagement Plan](#)
- [Appendix E – Management Plans](#)
- [Appendix F – Mill Pond Drawdown](#)
- [Appendix G – SNP Monitoring Locations](#)
- Draft Decision Letter from the Board (Preliminary Screening)

Respectfully submitted,

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