

Engagement Plan

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Introduction

This Plan describes the engagement activities that Darnley Bay will undertake over the life of the Land Use Permit that covers the mineral exploration program at Pine Point. A copy of the engagement log is attached; it covers engagement activities to date specifically related to the land use application for an expanded exploration permit.

Project Location

Exploration drilling may be planned and conducted within the boundaries of any of the registered Mineral Leases and Claims currently held by Darnley Bay. The location of the leases and claims held by Darnley Bay in the Pine Point District is pictured in Figure 1.

Potentially Affected Parties

The following list of potentially affected parties have been identified as being the most likely to have an interest in, and/or be affected by, exploration activities at Pine Point. This list was developed based upon previous experience at the site and some parties' stated preferences regarding engagement efforts.

- Hamlet of Fort Resolution
- Town of Hay River
- K'atlodeeche First Nation
- Deninu K'ue First Nation
- Northwest Territory Metis Nation
- Timberworks, Inc.
- Avalon Advanced Materials, Inc.
- NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

However, Darnley Bay “cast a wider net” to inform additional parties in the South Slave region about the project during initial engagement efforts.

Engagement Triggers

Darnley Bay will contact the potentially affected parties listed above in writing at different points throughout the project as follows:

- Amendments – All parties contacted in writing.
- Assignments – All parties contacted in writing.
- Drill Locations, Access Path, and Expected Footprint -- MVLWB and GNWT Inspector notified in advance of field deployment. This information will be submitted on a 1:50,000-scale map with coordinates and map datum to an Inspector and the Board, and will comply MVLWB standards for GIS submissions.
- Initiation of Drilling Activity – All parties contacted in writing 30 days before annual start-up.
- Completion of Exploration Program – All parties contacted in writing within 60 days.

Engagement Methods

As stated above, Darnley Bay will attempt to engage with potentially affected parties over the life of the active mineral exploration program. Written notification of planned activities will be provided to potentially affected parties. These notices will contain contact information at Darnley Bay whereby the potentially affected parties can ask questions, raise concerns, suggest project modifications, etc.

Engagement Log

Darnley Bay will maintain a permit-specific engagement log over the life of the permit. This log will be available for the MVLWB to review to ensure that the engagement plan has been followed and that issues raised by potentially affected parties have been considered and addressed (when possible).

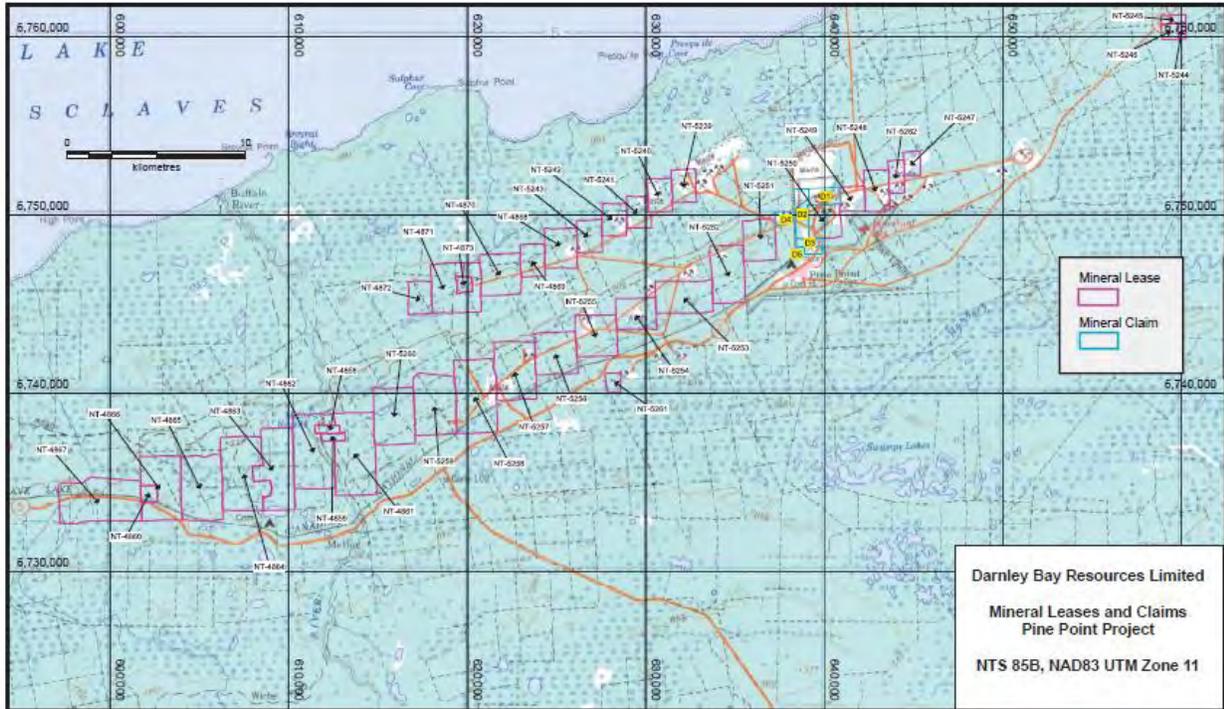
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Figure 1. Darnley Bay Leases and Claims, Pine Point District.



Engagement Log

Date	Communication	Response
Town of Hay River		
January – May, 2017	19 separate communications with Town regarding the Exploration Program at Pine Point	Darnley Bay should contact the Mayor if the Town can assist with the project.
January 30, 2017	Met with Mayor Mapes to introduce Darnley Bay and its plans for redevelopment of Pine Point.	No concerns expressed. Mayor Mapes supports Darnley Bay's interest in redeveloping a mine project at Pine Point.
March 8, 2017	Email Notification that Darnley Bay intends to apply to expand the exploration program to include more equipment and claims.	No response.
April 27, 2017	Email notification that permit application to expand exploration program will be filed in near future.	No response.
Hamlet of Fort Resolution		
January – May, 2017	19 separate communications with Hamlet regarding the Exploration Program at Pine Point	No response.
January 30, 2017	Met with Hamlet Lands Officer, Carol Collins, to introduce Darnley Bay and its plans for redevelopment of Pine Point.	Interested in economic opportunities for residents of the Hamlet.
March 8, 2017	Email Notification that Darnley Bay intends to apply to expand the exploration program to include more equipment and claims.	No response.
April 27, 2017	Email notification that permit application to expand exploration program will be filed in near future.	No response.
Metis Councils and Nation		
January – May, 2017	23 separate communications with Hay River Metis Council, 23 with Fort Resolution Metis Council, and 16 with Northwest Territories Metis Nation regarding the Exploration Program at Pine Point	Request from FRMC for information about exploration program which was provided.
January 30, 2017	Met with HRMC President. Discussed exploration program plans for 2017.	Council would like to be informed of contracting opportunities. Darnley Bay has subsequently sent position descriptions and requests for quotations.
March 1, 2017	FRMC requested Public Meeting in Fort Resolution with entire community to discuss Darnley Bay's plans. At FRMC's suggestion, Darnley Bay booked the community hall for a public meeting to be held on April 20, 2017. Tausia Lal speaking on behalf of Hamlet of Fort Resolution notified Darnley Bay on April 6 that the Hamlet was no longer willing to make the community hall available for Darnley Bay to rent for any reason, at any future date, and notified that the reservation for April 20 had been cancelled.	DB notified FRMC on April 6, 2017 of the circumstances that necessitated cancellation of the public meetings that they had requested. FRMC responded with an apology for the inconvenience.
March 7, 2017	Met with FRMC President, Arthur Beck. Discussed Darnley Bay plans, including exploration permits.	No concerns expressed. President Beck expressed appreciation for economic opportunities provided so far to residents of

		Fort Resolution. Wishes to see continued economic opportunities going forward.
March 8, 2017	Email Notification that Darnley Bay intends to apply to expand the exploration program to include more equipment and claims.	No response.
March 10, 2017	Met with HRMC President, Trevor Beck. Discussed Darnley Bay plans including amendment of existing exploration permit.	No concerns expressed.
April 17, 2017	Met with Jake Heron from NWTMN. Discussed economic opportunities associated with exploration program.	No concerns expressed about expansion of exploration program.
April 21, 2017	Met with HRMC President, Trevor Beck. Discussed current and expanded exploration program.	No concerns expressed.
April 27, 2017	Email notification that permit application to expand exploration program will be filed in near future.	No response.
Deninu K'ue First Nation		
January – April, 2017	22 separate communications regarding the Exploration Program at Pine Point	Nation wishes to formalize an exploration agreement with Darnley Bay.
January 30, 2017	Met with Chief and staff. Separate meeting with Chief, Council and 1 staff person. Discussed exploration program plans for 2017.	Chief stated he was happy that the project was moving forward. Opportunities for DB and DKFN to partner on the project were discussed. Nation interested in an exploration agreement.
March 8, 2017	Email Notification that Darnley Bay intends to apply to expand the exploration program to include more equipment and claims.	DB copied on an email sent to GNWT Mining Recorder's office on March 21, stating DKFN expects to be consulted prior to registration of any new claims.
March 10, 2017	Met with Chief and one council member and discussed Darnley Bay's exploration program, including amendment application. Offered to host a public listening session.	Nation wishes to formalize an exploration agreement with Darnley Bay.
April 21, 2017	Met with DKFN SAO to discuss exploration program and associated economic opportunities.	Focused on contracts and economic benefits.
April 27, 2017	Email notification that permit application to expand exploration program will be filed in near future.	No response.
Katlochee First Nation		
January – April, 2017	21 separate communications regarding the Exploration Program at Pine Point	Nation wishes to formalize an exploration agreement with Darnley Bay.
January 27, 2017	Met with Chief and 2 staff people. Discussed exploration program plans for 2017.	Nation wants direct benefits like contracting opportunities. Concerned about new claims.
March 8, 2017	Email Notification that Darnley Bay intends to apply to expand the exploration program to include more equipment and claims.	No response.
March 10, 2017	Met with Chief and three staff people and discussed Darnley Bay's exploration program, including amendment application. Notified that public listening sessions had been scheduled for April in Hay River and Fort Resolution. Offered to host a public listening session on the reserve.	Nation wishes to formalize an exploration agreement with Darnley Bay. No public listening sessions will be allowed on the reserve or elsewhere in the Region until an exploration agreement is signed. Concerned that Darnley Bay is engaging with too many parties; KFN and DKFN are the only people to have rights at Pine Point.
April 21, 2017	Met with manager of Naeghazia Corp. to	Focused on contracts and economic benefits.

	discuss exploration program and associated economic opportunities.	
April 27, 2017	Email notification that permit application to expand exploration program will be filed in near future.	Can discuss in person at next meeting.
Other Parties		
Darnley Bay has provided information about its project and permitting plans and on-going exploration activities to other parties, including: Akaitcho IMA Office, Avalon Advanced Metals, Deh Cho First Nation, Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee, NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines, Salt River First Nation, Smith Landing First Nation, Timberworks, Town of Fort Smith, West Point First Nation. None of these parties have responded to Darnley Bay's engagement attempts.		