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Application # MV2017C0024

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Dear Sirs:

RE: Pine Point Mining Ltd. Application for LUP Amendment MV2017C0024

We are in receipt of a brief email from Pine Point Mining Ltd. ("PPML"), dated September 5, 2017, with an attachment stating that PPML plans to submit an application to amend Darnley Bay's Land Use Permit (MV2017C0024) covering exploration activities in the Pine Point area to cover additional recently-staked claims. The attachment stated that the requested amendment would "simply allow the currently permitted activities to occur on additional lands in the project area." (our emphasis), and included a map titled "Figure 1" that did not clearly identify the additional lands in question but are presumed to include the recent claims.

We observe on the MVLWB website that it appears that PPML's amendment request (although dated September 5, 2017) was submitted to the MVLWB the day before (September 4, 2017) PPML emailed ourselves, along with an "Engagement Log" that states "no response" was received from the above email notice provided to the NWTMN. This comment is misleading given the timelines of the PPML submission in suggesting the NWTMN did not provide a response.

We have provided a response to PPML regarding our concerns respecting their request for an amendment.

Please be advised that we are not in support of this "simple amendment" for a number of reasons.

The additional claims comprise of a relatively large area (almost 40 square kms) in and around the South Slave Region surface/subsurface land withdrawal. This is also an area of extensive use of traditional harvesting activities by our members in Hay River, Fort Resolution, and Fort Smith. Also, this area is subject to ongoing Land and Resource negotiations, which will include land selection for the NWTMN.

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Some of the area of these claims also includes infrastructure which may be of interest to the NWTMN within the context of our ongoing Land and Resource Negotiations, and exploration activities could preclude future use of this infrastructure.

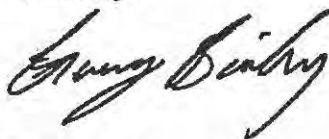
Our initial review of PPML amendment application states that for example, there will be "no change" in potential environmental and resource impacts and "no change" in period of operation. We do not believe this can be the case, given that the amendment request is to conduct operations on an additional 40 square kms of claims.

We therefore feel it appropriate that a new and complete application be submitted that contains current and comprehensive information on PPML, as the new proponent; current ecological and other environmental information on the proposed exploration areas as well as properly examining the potential socio-economic impacts that will now be occurring over a larger area. This is particularly important given that the original LUP application was submitted almost ten years ago, in 2008, and that the extensions, transfers, and the amendment application is defacto based upon decade-old information.

We are in the process of scheduling a meeting with PPML, and believe that through completion of a meaningful engagement process, the NWTMN will be better able to determine the scope and implications of potential impacts of the mineral exploration activities and the proposed amendment to the LUP.

The NWTMN requires accommodation measures from PPML though an impact benefit agreement to address our interests and concerns. An IBA will enable the NWTMN to support the proposed project, while taking steps to mitigate the impact of the project on our way of life, beyond the local support of the Fort Resolution Métis Council. While the NWTMN acknowledges and supports the Exploration Agreements between the Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN) and the Fort Resolution Metis Council (FRMC), the NWTMN also represents the broader Nation interest.

Sincerely,



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