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Files: W2020X0005 and W2020L8-0003

To Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD),

Re: Information Request Resulting from Kwetjjaà (Rayrock) Technical Session – Type A Water Licence and Type A Land Use Permit Applications (W2020L8-0003 and W2020X-0005)

At the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) Technical Session of January 26-28, 2021, for the Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) Type A Water Licence (W2020L8-0003) and Type A Land Use Permit (W2020X-005) Applications for the Rayrock Project, CIRNAC-CARD presented the possibility of moving the location for the Containment Disposal Facility from that which was initially proposed in its Applications.

In addition to the January 29, 2021 Information Request,¹ the WLWB is requesting the following additional information from CIRNAC-CARD:

IR #17 for CIRNAC-CARD:

To confirm whether the applicant is considering a different location for the Containment Disposal Facility (CDF) from that which was initially proposed in its Applications. If so, please describe the new proposed location; describe how the change in location would change the project scope (e.g., scale and location of blasting activities); identify any potential impacts of these changes; and identify proposed mitigations. Please also specifically comment on the possible alternate options for Mill Lake (e.g., refilling) that CIRNAC-CARD may wish to have considered as part of this proceeding if the CDF were not to be located in the drained Mill Lake basin.

In order to ensure the regulatory process proceeds efficiently, we ask that CIRNAC-CARD endeavor to submit the requested information as soon as possible, and no later than February 16, 2021. Following receipt of this information, Parties will be given the opportunity to provide input and the applicant an opportunity to respond. Based on the information received, the WLWB will determine whether any potential changes will need to undergo Preliminary Screening.

All information regarding this Water Licence and Land Use Permit applications proceeding will be posted on the WLWB's [Online Registry](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Fequet at rfequet@wlwb.ca or 867-765-4589.

¹ Please see the WLWB online registry (www.wlwb.ca) for [Rayrock – Technical Session – Information Requests – Jan 29 21](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Fequet', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Ryan Fequet,
Executive Director, WLWB

BCC to: Rayrock Distribution List