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Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: GGL Resources Corp. – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit – Mineral Exploration – Lac de Gras, Lake Providence, and Awry Lake, NT**

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on February 9, 2022 and considered the Application from GGL Resources Corp. (GGL) for Land Use Permit (Permit) W2021C0012 for the Zip, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus, and Awry Properties at Lac de Gras, Lake Providence, and Awry Lake, NT (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the Project to environmental assessment. The Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Permit W2021C0012 on **Monday, February 21, 2022**.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Ryan Fequet at (867) 765-4589 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mason Mantla', written in a cursive style.

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision



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## Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision

Land Use Permit Applications	
<b>File Number</b>	W2021C0012
<b>Company</b>	GGL Resources Corp.
<b>Project</b>	Zip, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus, and Awry Properties
<b>Location</b>	Lac de Gras, Lake Providence, and Awry Lake, NT
<b>Activity</b>	Mineral Exploration
<b>Date of Decision</b>	February 9, 2022

### 1.0 Decision

In accordance with subsection 124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB or Board) met on February 9, 2022 to make a preliminary screening determination on GGL Resources Corp.'s (GGL; the Applicant) Application for Land Use Permit W2021C0012 (Permit)<sup>1</sup>. The purpose of this Application is to amalgamate three existing Permits (i.e., W2015C0001, W2015C0003, and W2015C0004), with the inclusion of several additional mineral claims. The Application is for the operation of a camp, use of motorized drilling equipment, use and storage of fuel, mineral exploration and associated activities on the ZIP, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus and Awry Properties, located in the Lac de Gras, Lake Providence and Awry Lake areas, NT.<sup>2</sup>

The Board has determined that some Project activities and areas are exempt from preliminary screening, because they were previously screened. The Applicant has proposed new Project activities and areas, however, and the Board has decided not to refer the proposed changes to the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) for Environmental Assessment because,

<sup>1</sup> See WLWB Online Registry [www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca) for [GGL Resources - LUP Application - Dec 21\\_21](#).

<sup>2</sup> The Project is the Zip, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus, and Awry Properties, which is the proposed development, where "development" is defined in Part 5 of the MVRMA as:

"any undertaking, or any part or extension of an undertaking, that is carried out on land or water and includes an acquisition of lands pursuant to the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and measures carried out by a department or agency of government leading to the establishment of a park subject to the *Canada National Parks Act* or the establishment of a park under a territorial law."

based on the evidence, it is the Board’s opinion that the proposed changes to the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

The Board’s determination, including reasons for its decision, are detailed in sections [3.0](#) and [4.0](#).

## 2.0 List of Defined Terms and Acronyms

Applicant	GGL Resources Corp.
Applications	The complete application package submitted by the Applicant for Land Use Permit [W2021C0012].
Board	Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board
CRP	Closure and Reclamation Plan
EA/EIR	Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Review
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
GNWT-ENR	Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources
GNWT-Lands	Government of the Northwest Territories – Lands
MVLWB	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
MVRMA	<i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i>
Minister	Minister of the Government of the Northwest Territories – Lands (GNWT-Lands)
ORS	Online Review System ( <a href="http://www.new.onlinereviewssystem.ca">www.new.onlinereviewssystem.ca</a> )
Party	As per the MVLWB <a href="#">Rules of Procedures</a> , an applicant, a person, or an organization participating in the regulatory proceeding for the Applications.
Project	Zip, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus, and Awry Properties, which is the proposed development (as defined in Part 5 of the MVRMA). <sup>3</sup>
Review Board	Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
SCP	Spill Contingency Plan
Standard Permit Conditions	MVLWB <a href="#">Standard Land Use Permit Conditions Template</a>
TG	Tłı̨chǫ Government
TK	Traditional Knowledge
WMP	Waste Management Plan
WRRB	Wek’èezhìi Renewable Resources Board

<sup>3</sup> “development” is defined in Part 5 of the MVRMA as:

“any undertaking, or any part or extension of an undertaking, that is carried out on land or water and includes an acquisition of lands pursuant to the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and measures carried out by a department or agency of government leading to the establishment of a park subject to the *Canada National Parks Act* or the establishment of a park under a territorial law.”

### **3.0 Background and Scope of Screening**

GGL Resources Corp. (GGL) submitted a complete application for a Type A Land Use Permit W2021C0012 on December 21, 2021.<sup>4,5,6,7</sup> With the Application, GGL submitted multiple management plans including: an Engagement Plan and Record,<sup>8</sup> a Closure and Reclamation Plan,<sup>9</sup> a Spill Contingency Plan,<sup>10</sup> and a Waste Management Plan.<sup>11</sup> Currently, GGL has three separate Land Use Permits for its Mineral Exploration Projects (i.e., W2015C0001, W2015C0003, and W2015C0004). GGL has applied to amalgamate these existing Permits with the inclusion of several additional claims. This Application is for the operation of a camp, use of motorized drilling equipment, use and storage of fuel, mineral exploration and associated activities on the ZIP, Bishop, Starfish, Rhombus and Awry Properties, located in the Lac de Gras, Lake Providence and Awry Lake areas, NT. GGL also requested an exemption from preliminary screening because “the Scope has not changed and all equipment and materials have been previously screened for 29 of the claims/leases. The remaining 12 claims cover land that has fulfilled previous screening for the proposed equipment and activities by other companies in the past”.

While previous preliminary screenings were conducted for the 12 additional claims, the Application includes proposed changes to the Project. Under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA, project areas and activities that have already been subject to Part 5 of the MVRMA are exempt from preliminary screening. The new Project areas (i.e., the additional claims) and associated activities require screening by the Board in accordance with subsection 124(1) of the MVRMA.

In accordance with paragraph 125(1)(a) of the MVRMA, the Board must conduct a preliminary screening of the proposed changes to the Project to determine and report to the Review Board whether, in its opinion, the proposed changes to the Project might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, or might be a cause of public concern. The details of the Board’s analysis are set out in section [4.0](#) below.

#### **3.1 Scope of Screening:**

##### Previously Screened or Assessed Areas and Activities:

GGL submitted applications for Type A Land Use Permits to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) and the Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) for Land Use Permits W2015C0001, W2015C0003, W2015C0004, which are renewal applications and were previously screened in 2001 and 2008.<sup>12,13,14</sup> The purpose of these applications was to conduct mineral exploration including ground

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<sup>4</sup> See WLWB Online Registry ([www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca)) for [GGL Resources - LUP Application - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>5</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - LUP Application - Project Description - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>6</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - LUP Application - Cover Letter - Dec 24 21](#)

<sup>7</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - LUP Application - Security Template - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>8</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - Engagement Plan and Record - V2.0 - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>9</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - Closure and Reclamation Plan - V1.0 - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>10</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - Spill Contingency Plan - V3.0 - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>11</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GGL Resources - Waste Management Plan - V2.0 - Dec 21 21](#)

<sup>12</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2001C0006 - GGL - Land Use Permit - Preliminary Screening - Feb 28 01](#).

<sup>13</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [Permit](#).

<sup>14</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2008C0001- Preliminary Screening- Mar 13 2008](#).

geophysics, diamond drilling, fuel storage, and the construction and operation of a camp. The areas of interest are located in the following coordinates:

- 63 59' N, 111 30' W and 65 7' N and 112 56' W (Lake Providence)
- 62 58' N, 114 52' W and 63 0' N, 114 57' W (Area Lake)
- 64 10' 17" N, 110 40' 13" W and 64 36' 12" N, 112 36' W (Lac de Gras)
- 64 21' 6" N and 111 13' 15" W (Camp)

The areas previously screened, including the mineral claims included in the screening, are outlined in the Preliminary Screenings that were conducted on February 28, 2001,<sup>15</sup> May 13, 2002,<sup>16</sup> March 10, 2004,<sup>17</sup> and March 13, 2008.<sup>18</sup>

Activities that the Board understands to have been previously considered, and which therefore do not require preliminary screening at this time, are listed below.

- Automobile, Aircraft or Vessel Movement
- Borehole Core Sampling
- Camp
- Diamond Drill
- Disposal of sewage
- Exploration
- Fuel Storage
- Geophysical Testing
- Geoscientific Sampling
- Operation
- Sewage
- Waste Generation
- Waste Management

New Areas and Activities:

The Applicant has included with its Type A Land Use Permit Application 12 additional mineral claims (for a total of 9,646 hectares) that had previously been held by SouthernEra Diamonds and GEM International Resources Inc. and were transferred to GGL Resources Corp.

	Tenure	Property	Hectares	Holder
1	M10655	Bishop	875	GGL Resources Corp.
2	M10656	Bishop	875	GGL Resources Corp.
3	M10413	Rhombus	410	GGL Resources Corp.
4	M10414	Rhombus	891	GGL Resources Corp.
5	M10415	Rhombus	1000	GGL Resources Corp.
6	M10416	Rhombus	1250	GGL Resources Corp.
7	M10417	Rhombus	1250	GGL Resources Corp.
8	M10418	Rhombus	1000	GGL Resources Corp.
9	M10419	Rhombus	375	GGL Resources Corp.
10	M10420	Rhombus	359	GGL Resources Corp.
11	M10421	Rhombus	1000	GGL Resources Corp.

<sup>15</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2001C0006 - GGL - Land Use Permit - Preliminary Screening - Feb 28 01](#)

<sup>16</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2001C0007 - GGL - Land Use Permit - Preliminary Screening - May 13 02](#)

<sup>17</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [ISS-LUP-Mar04](#) (Preliminary Screening Pg. 9-15)

<sup>18</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2008C0001 - Preliminary Screening - Mar 13 2008](#)

12	M10423	Rhombus	361	GGL Resources Corp.
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A Type A Land Use Permit was issued to Southern Era Diamonds for mineral exploration (MV2003C0048) and a Type B Land Use Permit was issued to GEM International Resources Inc. for mineral exploration activities (MV2006C0017); however, based on the number, type, and size of equipment included in the current application, the scale of the mineral exploration activities currently being applied for by GGL is greater than what was previously screened. Given that GGL indicated that it may establish fuel caches in these additional areas and that the fuel stored fuel amounts may be than what was previously screening, the potential increase in fuel storage in these new areas is also being screened.

### 3.2 Public Record and Regulatory Proceeding

To assist the Board in its preliminary screening determination for the Project, the Board distributed the Application and a draft Permit for public review on December 30, 2021, inviting reviewers to provide comments and recommendations on the Application and the preliminary screening (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) using the Online Review System (ORS). Comments were due January 20, 2022, with responses from the Applicant due January 27, 2022. The Board received comments and recommendations from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Lands Inspector (GNWT-Inspector) and the Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG). The Wek’èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR), and GNWT-Lands Administration indicated they had no comments or recommendations at this time. The GNWT-Lands Mining Recorder’s Office indicated they had no concerns.<sup>19</sup>

Since there were no requests to extend the reviewer comment deadline, the Board is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice was given to affected communities and First Nations, as required by subsection 63(2) of the MVRMA. The Board is also satisfied that the Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG) has been consulted in accordance with section 63 of the MVRMA.

### 4.0 Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations

A draft Permit was circulated for review during the regulatory proceeding, and all Parties were given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft conditions. In finalizing the conditions, the Board will consider all of the evidence provided through the regulatory proceeding.

Table 1 below summarizes:

- the potential impacts of the proposed changes to the Project;
- the concerns that were identified during the regulatory proceeding and how the Applicant addressed those concerns;
- the proposed and potential mitigations for the potential impacts; and
- the Board’s analysis of the potential impacts and proposed mitigations.

<sup>19</sup> See WLWB Online Review System for [GGL Resources Corp. - Land Use Permit Application](#).

**Table 1: Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations for the Proposed Changes to the Project**

Potential Impact	Activity	<p align="center"><b>Proposed Mitigations</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i></p>	Board Analysis and Determination
Soil contamination	drilling, drilling waste, contaminated soil, handling and storage of fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Applicant proposed the following mitigations in the Application:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proper handling, storage, and disposal techniques;</li> <li>○ Follow the Spill Contingency Plan;</li> <li>○ Have spill response kits in place; and</li> <li>○ Training personnel in spill responses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Board also has standard conditions which can be used to mitigate the potential impact:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fuel cache Secondary Containment;</li> <li>○ Secondary Containment - Refueling</li> <li>○ Fuel Containment;</li> <li>○ Report Fuel Location</li> <li>○ Spill Contingency Plan;</li> <li>○ Drip Trays;</li> <li>○ Sewage Disposal - Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board’s opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.
Soil Compaction; compaction of vegetation	drilling, overland travel, erosion, ground destabilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Applicant proposed the following mitigations in the Application:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prevent moving equipment overland when ground is not frozen or snow covered</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The TG submitted a comment related to the potential destabilization/erosion impacts of moving equipment when the ground is not frozen or snow covered (TG comment 1). The TG recommended that GGL avoid activities that can lead to such disturbances and that restoration measures (e.g., compaction, revegetation, etc.) be put in place so that any disturbed soil will be immediately restored (TG comment 1). GGL responded that conditions in the Permit are sufficient to prevent activities that could cause such disturbances. As such by avoiding these activities rutting or destabilization/erosion will not</li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board’s opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

		<p>happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Progressive Erosion Control</li> <li>○ Repair Erosion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Board also has standard conditions which can be used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prevention of Rutting</li> <li>○ Suspend Overland Travel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Water table alteration	Drilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Applicant proposed the following mitigations in the Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drill holes where flowing water is encountered must be permanently plugged to prevent further outflow.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The existing Permit had a condition which is used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flowing Artesian Well</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.
Changes in water quality	drilling, drilling waste, contaminated soil, chemicals, handling and storage of fuel, spills, sewage waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Applicant proposed the following mitigations in the Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proper handling, storage and disposal techniques;</li> <li>○ Spill Contingency Plan;</li> <li>○ Spill kits in place; and</li> <li>○ Training personnel in spill responses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fuel cache Secondary Containment;</li> <li>○ Secondary Containment - Refueling</li> <li>○ Fuel Containment;</li> <li>○ Report Fuel Location</li> <li>○ Spill Contingency Plan;</li> <li>○ Drip Trays;</li> <li>○ Sewage Disposal - Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

Change to or loss of heritage resource	Drilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Archaeological Buffer</li> <li>○ Site Disturbances</li> <li>○ Site Discovery and Notification</li> <li>○ Archaeological Overview</li> <li>○ AIA - High Potential</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.
Direct loss or removal of habitat, dens, or nests	Clearing of timber, brush, or vegetation mat; Stripping of overburden;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had a condition which is used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Habitat Damage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.
Drainage pattern changes	Drilling and Associated Water Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drilling Near Water or on Ice</li> <li>○ Drilling Waste</li> <li>○ Natural Drainage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.
Change in water quality; Soil Contamination	Trenching, diamond drilling, geotechnical borehole drilling; Transfer, storage, and use of petroleum products and/or chemicals; On-site storage or disposal of wastes (domestic garbage, sewage,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spill Contingency Plan</li> <li>○ Drilling Waste</li> <li>○ Drilling Waste Disposal</li> <li>○ Drilling Waste Containment</li> <li>○ Report Spills</li> <li>○ Waste Petroleum Disposal</li> <li>○ Waste Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

	waste petroleum products, drilling waste and hydraulic flowback fluids, hazardous wastes, etc.)	o Sewage Disposal - Plan	
Changes in water quality; Soil Contamination	Direct or indirect disposal of waste into water; Transfer, storage, and use of petroleum products and/or chemicals near a watercourse; On-site storage or disposal of wastes (domestic garbage, sewage, waste petroleum products, drilling waste and hydraulic flowback fluids, hazardous wastes, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing Permit had conditions which are used to mitigate the described impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Fuel Near Water</li> <li>o Fuel Cache Secondary Containment</li> <li>o Secondary Containment - Refueling</li> <li>o Seal Outlet</li> <li>o Spill Response</li> <li>o Drip Trays</li> <li>o Clean Up Spills</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

#### 4.1 Consideration of Potential Impacts

Based on the potential impacts and proposed mitigations identified above in Table 1, the Board considered whether the Project might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In general, impacts of the changes to the Project on the environment can be mitigated through the use of permit conditions of two general types:

1. conditions in the existing Permit, including requirements for management plans, with revisions where necessary; and
2. new or unique conditions that may be needed to mitigate potential impacts of the changes to the Project that may not be addressed by the conditions in the existing Permit, and which may be from the Board's standard conditions list or established by the Board as per the MVLWB [\*Standard Process for Creating New Conditions\*](#).

These conditions may include requirements for management plans that provide detailed information regarding the implementation of mitigation measures and the evaluation of their effectiveness.

A draft Permit was circulated for review during the regulatory proceeding, and all Parties were given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft conditions. In finalizing the conditions, the Board will consider all of the evidence provided through the regulatory proceeding.

#### 4.2 Consideration of Public Concern

In addition to considering the potential impacts of the changes to the Project, the Board considered whether the changes to the Project might be a cause of public concern.

Based on the evidence provided during the regulatory proceeding thus far, the Board did not identify any comments or issues that indicate that the Project is a cause of public concern.

#### 5.0 Conclusion

The Board completed preliminary screenings of the Project areas on January 5, 2001;<sup>20</sup> January 8, 2001;<sup>21</sup> December 4, 2003;<sup>22</sup> August 17, 2006;<sup>23</sup> and March 13, 2008;<sup>24</sup> however, the Application includes proposed changes to the Project. Accordingly, the Board has determined that Project activities that have already been subject to Part 5 of the MVRMA are exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. The Board has conducted a preliminary screening of the proposed changes to the Project.

The Board has reviewed all the evidence received during the regulatory process with respect to the Preliminary Screening of the proposed changes to the Project. Based on the evidence, it is the Board's

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<sup>20</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2001C0006 - GGL - Land Use Permit - Preliminary Screening - Feb 28 01](#).

<sup>21</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [Permit](#).

<sup>22</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [ISS-LUP-Mar04](#) (pg 9).

<sup>23</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV06C17-IssuanceofLUP-Aug06](#).

<sup>24</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2008C0001- Preliminary Screening- Mar 13 2008](#).

opinion that the proposed changes to the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern, as set out in paragraph 125(1)(a) of the MVRMA. The Board has therefore decided not to refer the proposed changes to the Project to Environmental Assessment. If the Board does not receive a notice of referral to environmental assessment by February 19, 2022, the Board can issue the Permit on February 21, 2022.

SIGNATURE



February 9, 2022

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**Mason Mantla, Chair**  
**Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board**

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**Date**