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## Staff Report

<b>Applicant:</b> Redbed Resources Corp.	
<b>Location:</b> Coates Lake Area, NT	<b>File Number:</b> MV2019J0019
<b>Date Prepared:</b> December 19, 2019	<b>Date of Board Meeting:</b> January 16, 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Land Use Permit Discontinuance and Final Clearance	

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB/the Board):

- a) A request to discontinue Land Use Permit MV2019J0019 (Permit) submitted by Redbed Resources Corp. (Redbed); and
- b) A final plan from Redbed and a recommendation for final clearance from the Government of the Northwest Territories Lands Inspector for closure of Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019J0019.

### 2. Background

- September 3, 2019 – Issuance of Permit MV2018F0024;
- December 11, 2019 – Request to discontinue and final plan for Permit MV2019J0019 received;
- December 11, 2019 – Request forward to the GNWT – Inspector for comment and recommendation;
- December 17, 2019 – Recommendation received from the GNWT – Inspector on the discontinuance and the final plan submission;
- **January 16, 2020 – Request for discontinuance and final plan presented to the Board for decision; and**
- September 2, 2024 – Expiration of Permit MV2019J0019.

### 3. Discussion

#### Project Description

On June 28, 2019, Redbed Resources Corp. applied for the continued operation of a camp located in the Coates Lake area to support mineral exploration including geological mapping, rock chip sampling, and soil sampling. Work will be based at the Coates Lake camp. All transportation from the camp to the working areas will be by helicopter and all travel on the ground will be on foot.

Fuel required for the exploration program will include:

- diesel, to run the generator and heat the tents;
- Jet A/A-1, for the helicopter and turbine engine fixed wing aircraft;
- unleaded gasoline to run the water pump; and
- propane to heat water and fuel the kitchen stove.

Water will be used for daily camp cooking, laundry and shower needs. Estimated water usage for the camp is 500 litres per day (0.5m<sup>3</sup> /day).

A temporary floating dock (“T”-shaped, approximately 4m long, with a 4m wide T, and 1.5m wide decking) will be located on Coates Lake to facilitate loading and unloading of float planes. The dock is constructed and will be installed in accordance with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Dock and Boathouse Construction Operational Statement. Access to the property is by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, either float or wheel equipped, from Fort Simpson, Wrigley, Tulita, Norman Wells, or the Cantung Mine. The Coates Lake camp infrastructure also includes an approximately 1,100ft long airstrip located approximately 3.9km south-southeast of the camp that was constructed in the 1960’s. The project takes place in both the Deh Cho Region as well as the Sahtu Settlement Area.

On December 3, 2019, Redbed submitted an application which covers all the activities permitted under MV2019J0019 and new activities.

On December 11, 2019, 2019, Redbed requested a discontinuance to their current permit as well as a request to have the Board grant final clearance to MV2019J0019.

#### **4. Comments**

n/a

#### **5. Public Review**

On December 11, 2019, Board staff forwarded the request to the GNWT – Inspector who responded stating that there are no issues with the request for discontinuance and final plan as submitted (attached).

#### **6. Security**

The status of security for this Project will not be affected by the Board’s decisions related to the decision.

#### **7. Conclusion**

Board staff conclude there are no outstanding issues or concerns with this Request for discontinuance as well as the final plan.

#### **8. Recommendation**

Board staff recommend the Board:


- a) Make a motion to approve the discontinuance of Land Use Permit MV2019J0019.**
- b) Make a motion approve final clearance of Land Use Permit MV2019J0019.**

Draft decision letters are attached.

## 9. Attachments

- [Request for Discontinuance](#)
- [Recommendation from the GNWT-Inspector](#)
- Draft Land Use Permit Cover Page
- Draft Discontinuance Letter from the Board
- Draft Final Clearance Letter from the Board

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyree Mullaney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light yellow rectangular background.

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