

18 August 2021

**Erin Kelly, Ph.D., Deputy Minister**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Yellowknife, NT

**PINE POINT MINE PROJECT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN VERSION 1.1**

Dear Ms. Kelly,

Pine Point Mining Limited (PPML) is pleased to submit the attached Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP), Version 1.1, to the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) for review and approval. We provide below a brief summary of the process that has led to this version of the WMMP.

- PPML applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for land use permit MV2020C0017 and water licence MV2020L8-0012 to support continued exploration at Pine Point.
- Prior to submitting to the MVLWB, PPML circulated the complete application, including the Wildlife Protection Plan, to the K'at'l'odeeche First Nation (KFN), the Deninu Kué First Nation (DKFN) and the NWT Métis Nation (NWTMN), as documented in the application Engagement Record<sup>1</sup>. No comments were received on the Wildlife Protection Plan.
- The applications were then submitted to the MVLWB on 27 November 2020, including the Wildlife Protection Plan<sup>2</sup>.
- Comments on the Wildlife Protection Plan were received from various parties, including GNWT-ENR, KFN, DKFN, FRMC, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). PPML provided responses to these comments, including commitments for revisions, through the MVLWB Online Review System (ORS)<sup>3</sup>.
- During the Technical Session on 24 and 25 February 2021, PPML outlined responses to the Wildlife Protection Plan questions, and described a series of proposed changes to accommodate the feedback. These proposed changes were described in a memo prepared by PPML on 12 March 2021<sup>4</sup>.
- The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a determination under Section 95 of the Wildlife Act on 30 April 2021, confirming that PPML must submit a Tier 1 Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan to ENR for approval<sup>5</sup>. It was anticipated at the time by ENR that no further public review was required.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/MV2020L8-0012%20MV2020C0017%20-%20PPML%20-%20Engagement%20Log%20-%20Nov27\\_20.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/MV2020L8-0012%20MV2020C0017%20-%20PPML%20-%20Engagement%20Log%20-%20Nov27_20.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020C0017/MV2020L8-0012%20MV2020C0017%20-%20PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Protection%20Plan\\_V1.0%20-%20Nov27\\_20.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020C0017/MV2020L8-0012%20MV2020C0017%20-%20PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Protection%20Plan_V1.0%20-%20Nov27_20.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020C0017/PPML%20-%20Review%20Comment%20Table%20-%20Initial%20Applications%20-%20Feb%2021.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Protection%20Plan%20Updates%20Memo%20-%20Mar12\\_21.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Protection%20Plan%20Updates%20Memo%20-%20Mar12_21.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Management%20and%20Monitoring%20Plan%20Determination%20-%20Apr30\\_21.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/PPML%20-%20Wildlife%20Management%20and%20Monitoring%20Plan%20Determination%20-%20Apr30_21.pdf)

- Further review of the Wildlife Protection Plan occurred during the Interventions prior to the Public Hearing on 15 to 17 June 2021. The Interventions and the PPML response and additional commitments related to wildlife monitoring are provided in the PPML Response to Interventions.<sup>6</sup> Additional discussions regarding wildlife are available in the transcripts and presentations for MV2020C0017.
- PPML has now prepared a draft Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP), Version 1.1, which was provided to KFN, NWTMN, FRMG and DKFN for review prior to finalization. These agencies had the document from 14 to 29 July 2021, and PPML reached out these parties during this period with offers to discuss the Plan and address issues. Helpful comments were received by the KFN and DKFN, which were incorporated into the document (see Appendix A Table A-3 for a summary of these comments and the changes made to the document as a result).

As such, PPML submits the attached Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan, Version 1.1. This version includes the changes requested by the Minister, as well as the changes committed to during the land use permit and water licence review process.

It is PPML's understanding that, following any further revisions, if required, ENR will provide PPML with a written notice of approval, conditional approval or rejection of the WMMP within 30 calendar days. The notification will also be posted to the MVLWB public registry.

## **Closure**

PPML thank you for your time on reviewing the WMMP V1.1 and look forward to working with the GNWT-ENR, MVLWB and interested parties regarding these applications. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 416-209-2056 or acwilliams@live.ca.

Regards,

**Pine Point Mining Limited.**



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<sup>6</sup> <https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2020L8-0012/PPML%20-%20Response%20to%20Intervention%20-%20May11-21.pdf>

Deninu Kué First Nation

NWT Métis Nation

Fort Resolution Métis Council

Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Attachments**

PPML Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan V1.1

**Attachment A – PPML Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan V1.1**