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Work Plan

File Number	MV2023L1-0010 and MV2023A0028
Applicant	Paramount Resources Ltd.
Project	Pointed Mountain Remediation Project Applications
Location	Pointed Mountain, NT
Activity	Oil and Gas / Industrial
Date of Work Plan	June 13, 2024
Work Plan Version	2

Purpose of the Work Plan

To outline the processes and timelines to be followed for this regulatory proceeding.

Background

On October 3, 2023, the Applicant submitted Applications for a Type A Water Licence (Licence) and a Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) (the Application Package) for the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board). Following an extension request on January 9, 2024,¹ on February 29, 2024² and April 29, 2024³, the Applicant submitted additional information.

Scope of the Project

The scope of the Project includes the remediation of a former gas field site, as outlined in the Application Package:

- Environmental investigations, monitoring, sampling and modelling to support development of site-specific remediation guidelines;
- Maintaining current road infrastructure until decommissioning;
- Remediation of well sites;

¹ See MVLWB Public Registry for [Pointed Mountain - Correspondence re timeline for additional information for Applications - Jan9 24.](#)

² See MVLWB Public Registry for [Pointed Mountain - revised Water Licence Application Form - Feb29 24](#) and [Pointed Mountain - Additional Application Information - Feb29 24.](#)

³ See MVLWB Public Registry for Pointed Mountain – [Paramount Request for Ruling on confidentiality of security estimate – Apr29 24.](#)

- Vegetation management;
- On-site waste disposal (landfilling);
- Management of contaminated soils;
- Water withdrawal to support winter access and ice bridge construction, camp activities, vegetation growth, and dust control;
- Establishment of a 50-person camp; and
- Fuel storage.

The Project is anticipated to take place on a seasonal basis, and activities will vary year-to-year.

Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide the Board’s regulatory proceeding:

- The Board will carry out the regulatory proceeding in a timely manner and in accordance with the Land and Water Board (LWB) [Rules of Procedure](#);
- The Board shall consider the impacts of the proposed Project on and the importance of conservation to the wellbeing and way of life of the Indigenous peoples of Canada (section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*);
- The Board will review the Application Package and develop the Licence and Permit based on the evidence and rationale submitted by the Applicant and other Parties; and
- The Board will develop the Licence and Permit in accordance with the Board’s mandate and applicable policies to ensure protection of the environment and, where possible, consistency in decision-making throughout the Mackenzie Valley.

Work Plan Objectives

The Work Plan objectives are:

- Compile a broad range of input through the review process;
- Ensure adequate information is gathered to complete the Board’s regulatory proceeding; and
- Facilitate a thorough, inclusive, and timely regulatory proceeding.

Opportunities for Community Engagement

- The Board requires the Applicant to carry out engagement with potentially affected parties (including communities and Indigenous governments) early and well in advance of the Application.
- The Board will distribute the Application Package, a draft Work Plan, and a draft Licence and Permit for public review using the LWB Online Review System (ORS);
- The Board will place a notification(s) regarding the review process in the newspaper;
- The Board will coordinate a technical session or workshop to address specific issues that require more focused review and discussion;
- The Board will hold a public hearing and will place a notification regarding the hearing in the newspaper; and

- The Board will hold any other consultation or engagement activity that the Board considers appropriate.

Regulatory Proceeding Timelines

Subsection 47(1) of the *Waters Act*/72.18(1) of the MVRMA requires the Board to make a decision on a water licence application within a period of nine months after the day on which an application is deemed complete and the review process begins. Based on section 28 of the *Federal Interpretation Act*, this is equivalent to 275 calendar days. The Board’s day count stops whenever the Board requires the Applicant to provide information for the regulatory proceeding to continue (signified by the red shading in the table below). Once that information has been provided, the Board’s day count resumes (signified by the green shading in the table below). Significant milestones have also been bolded in the table below.

The Work Plan table below sets out the main process steps and indicates the responsible Party and the anticipated completion date for each item.

Work Plan

Task	Responsible Party	Date Due (Date Completed)
Application Package Submitted	Applicant	October 3, 2023
Additional Information Submitted	Applicant	February 29, 2024 April 29, 2024
Application Package Distributed for Review with Draft Work Plan	Board staff	May 8, 2024
Deadline for Comments on Draft Work Plan	All Parties	May 21, 2024
Deadline for Comments on Application Package and for Notices of Compensation Claims	Reviewers	June 19, 2024
Deadline for Applicant’s Responses to Comments	Applicant	August 7, 2024
Preliminary Screening Determination	Board	August 29, 2024
Technical Session	All Parties (location TBD)	September 10 and 11, 2024
Distribute Technical Session or Workshop Information Requests	Board Staff	September 12, 2024
Deadline for Responses to Information Requests	All Parties	October 8, 2024
Pre-Hearing Conference	All Parties (location TBD)	October 23, 2024

Task	Responsible Party	Date Due (Date Completed)
Deadline for Interventions and for Compensation Claims	Interveners and Compensation Claimants	October 29, 2024
Deadline for Applicant's Response to Interventions	Applicant	December 3, 2024
Deadline for Interveners' Public Hearing Presentations*	Interveners	December 17, 2024
Deadline for Applicant's Public Hearing Presentation*	Applicant	January 3, 2025
Public Hearing*	All Parties (location TBD)	January 14 and 15, 2025
Distribute Public Hearing Undertakings	Board Staff	January 20, 2025
Deadline for Public Hearing Undertakings	All Parties	February 13, 2025
Draft Licence and Permit Distributed for Review*	Board Staff	March 4, 2025
Deadline for Comments on Draft Licence and Permit*	Reviewers	April 1, 2025
Deadline for Applicant's Comments on Draft Licence and Permit*	Applicant	April 29, 2025
Deadline for Closing Arguments*	Reviewers	May 13, 2025
Deadline for Applicant's Closing Arguments*	Applicant	May 20, 2025
Board Meeting	Board	July, 2025
Board Recommendation to the Minister	Board	July, 2025
Minister's Decision	Minister	Up to 90 days

*No new evidence can be submitted in these steps of the proceeding without a Request for Ruling (see Rules 37 and 38 in the LWB [Rules of Procedure](#)).

Please note that the Work Plan has been created based on the information available and is subject to change at any time.

Work Plan Revision History

Version	Date	Rationale for Revision
1 ⁴	June 10, 2024	To reflect comments from Parties regarding the draft Work Plan. ^{5, 6}
2 ⁷	June 13, 2024	To allow sufficient time between receipt of Paramount's Public Hearing Presentation and the Public Hearing

⁴ See MVLWB Online Registry www.mvlwb.com for [Paramount - Pointed Mountain Work Plan Version 1 - Jun10_24](#).

⁵ See MVLWB Online Registry for [Pointed Mountain - Work Plan Recommendations - GNWT - May21_24](#).

⁶ See MVLWB Online Registry for [Pointed Mountain - Work Plan Recommendations - Paramount - May21_24](#).

⁷ See MVLWB Online Registry for Paramount – Pointed Mountain Work Plan Version 2 – Jun13_24.