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Sent by e-mail

Dear Dave R. Webb,

Re: Prestige Lithium Project – Land Use Permit – New Application – Incomplete – Mineral Exploration – Lamoreaux Lake, NT

On July 4, 2023, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water (Board) staff received the Application Package (Application) for a new Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2023C0022¹ for the Prestige Lithium Project (Project) from Prestige Lithium Inc. (Prestige).

Board staff have reviewed the Application and identified missing information required for the Board to process the Application. For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the Application Form² and the Land and Water Board (LWB) *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process* (Guide)³ and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. Name and Contact Information – Applicant's Head Office: As described in section 3.2, item 2 of the Permit Guide, companies must be in good standing and registered with GNWT [Corporate Registries](#) to do business in the Northwest Territories, and must provide a copy of their current NWT Certificate of Registration in the Application package. The Application included the following documents:
 - a. A BC Certificate of Incorporation and Notice of Articles issued to 1398503 B.C. Ltd. on January 30, 2023.

¹ See the MVLWB Online Registry for MV2023C0022.

² See the MVLWB Apply for Permit/Licence webpage for the Land Use Permit [Application Form](#).

³ See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

- b. A GNWT Notice of Registered Office or Notice of Change of Registered Office form for 1398503 B.C. Ltd. signed March 1, 2023.
- c. A GNWT Statement of Registration form for 1398503 B.C. Ltd. signed March 1, 2023.
- d. A GNWT Certificate of Registration issued to 1398503 B.C. Ltd. on March 24, 2023.
- e. A BC Certificate of Change of Name for 1398503 B.C. Ltd. to Prestige Lithium Inc. issued June 7, 2023.

The name on the Application Form and the rights and/or contracts to support eligibility must match and must be the full legal name of the applicant. A certificate of name change that is issued from the GNWT Department of Justice - NWT Corporate Registries, to the full legal name of the applicant, is required to support this Application as submitted. Any name change documentation from other provinces is not sufficient.

- 2. Location of Activities – Maps and Geographic Information System (GIS) Data: As described in section 3.2, item 4 of the Guide, an overview map scaled at 1:250,000 or less, and a detailed map scaled at 1:50,000 or more, is to be included with the Application. The map appended to the submitted Engagement Plan, Spill Contingency Plan, Waste Management Plan, and Erosion Management Plan lack the appropriate details in identifying the Project location.

Revise the Application accordingly by providing an overview map identifying the Project location and a detailed map identifying, as applicable, the Project boundary, local geographic features, watercourses and proposed water sources, Project structures, and location(s) of any proposed waste deposits.

- 3. Rights and/or Contracts to Support Eligibility: As described in section 3.2, item 6 of the Permit Guide, all applicants must list and attach confirmation of authorizations that support the applicant's eligibility as identified in item 5. This must include proof of an appropriate interest and/or confirmation of access rights in writing from the landowner. The Application states that "No other permits or authorizations required at this time". The management plans submitted in support of the Application notes that this Project involves the surface and sub-surface exploration for lithium and other minerals within the Project mineral claims.

No proof has been submitted in support of confirming eligibility with the Application. The Board cannot issue a permit until the right of access or interest is granted. Review and revise the Application accordingly to list the authorization(s) that support eligibility under section 18 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR).

- 4. Permit Type and Criteria: As described in section 3.2, item 7 of the Permit Guide, the table provided in the Application Form identifies the permitting criteria that will be exceeded by the proposed activities. The Application indicates that permitting criteria apply to a Type B for:
 - a. 5(a)(i) – Use of explosives equal to or exceeding 50 kg, but less than 150 kg.
 - b. 5(a)(ii) – Use of a vehicle between 5 t and 10 t.

- c. 5(a)(v) – The levelling, grading, clearing, or cutting of a line that exceeds 1.5m in width but does not exceed 4 ha in area.

Based on the information in the Application, the proposed Project will exceed permitting criteria other than those selected on the Application Form. Refer to sections 4 and 5 of the MVLUR,⁴ and revise the Application to select all applicable permitting criteria and revise the project description accordingly.

5. Proposed Waste Management Methods: As described in section 3.2, item 11 of the Permit Guide, all applicants must submit detailed waste management information. The submitted Waste Management Plan notes that Non-Recyclable and Recyclable Domestic Wastes will be returned to the City of Yellowknife Solid Waste facility and approval was attached as Appendix B.

There was no Appendix B to the Waste Management Plan. It is recommended that written confirmation from the facility stating that they will accept the type and volume of waste. If disposal locations may vary, all options should be included.

The submitted Waste Management Plan notes that Contaminated Soils, Filters, Containers, and Absorbents will be transported to KBL Environmental for treatment/management.

It is recommended that written confirmation from the facility stating that they will accept the type and volume of waste. If disposal locations may vary, all options should be included.

The Application notes that there will be no sewage generated during the Project activities that is expected to occur over a period of two to four weeks with up to six people working days.

All types of waste should be described in the Application that may be produced by the Project and describing the disposal methods. Review and revise the Application accordingly to include identifying all types of waste produced by the Project and options for disposal.

6. Fuel: As described in section 3.2, item 13 of the Guide, all petroleum-based fuel types to be used are to be provided. Board staff have identified inconsistencies with the submitted information. In Table 1 of the Spill Contingency Plan, it notes the estimated quantities of consumable materials to be used during the Project include 6 Barrels (205 L) of diesel, 1 Jerry can (30 L) of gasoline, and 1 tank (100 lbs) of propane. The Application Form only identifies 8 Barrels (205 L) of diesel.

Confirm the types and quantities of fuel to be used during the Project and revise the Application accordingly.

⁴ See the MVLWB Acts and Regulations webpage to access the [MVLUR](#).

7. Potential Environmental Impacts of The Project and Proposed Mitigations: As described in section 3.2, item 17 of the Guide, unless the proposed project could be exempt from preliminary screening, all potential impacts and proposed mitigations for the proposed activities are to be identify and described. For the identified potential impacts, a description of the proposed mitigations, including the environmental management systems, treatment systems, and monitoring programs, and explanation of how the potential effects of climate change were considered are to be provided. The submitted Application does not provide details of the proposed mitigations.

The information provided about potential impacts and proposed mitigations will be used in the preliminary screening of the Project and/or to develop permit conditions. Review and revise the Impact-Mitigation Table in the Application Form accordingly.

Board staff have identified inconsistencies with the submitted information. The Impact-Mitigation Table in the Application Form did not identify any potential impacts to destabilization/erosion. The Application included an Erosion Management Plan.

Confirm all of the Project activities and revise the Application accordingly to describe the proposed mitigations.

Board staff have identified inconsistencies with the submitted information. The Impact-Mitigation Table in the Application Form did not identify any potential impacts to permafrost. In Table 1 of the Waste Management Plan, cleared vegetation is described as slashed trees and shrubs, with possible grubbing (removal of the roots after clearing). The Erosion Management Plan indicates vegetation will be cut above ground level, to preserve root masses and encourage regrowth.

Confirm all of the Project activities and revise the Application accordingly to describe the proposed mitigations and updating the associated plans as required.

Board staff have identified inconsistencies with the submitted information. The Impact-Mitigation Table in the Application Form noted that direct loss of vegetation will be minimal as bedrock sites are planned. In the Erosion Management Plan and Waste Management Plan, it states that “Clearing of vegetation may be required on drill pads and on skid trails.”.

Confirm all of the Project activities and revise the Application accordingly to describe the proposed mitigations and updating the associated plans as required.

8. Closure and Reclamation – Closure Cost Estimate: As described in section 3.2, item 18 of the Guide, the Board will set the amount of security based on the estimated costs of closing and reclaiming the Project site, and the applicant’s proposed closure plans for the Project. To inform the Board’s decision, the applicant must develop a closure cost estimate to include in the application package. The submitted closure cost estimate was empty.

Review and revise the closure cost estimate table based on the information provided in the Application for the proposed Project.

9. Additional Supporting Information – Engagement: As described in section 3.2, item 19 of the Guide, prior to submitting an Application package, applicants must identify and contact any other parties potentially affected by the Project, such as Indigenous governments/organizations, individuals occupying the land for traditional purposes, private landowners, lease holders (e.g., lodges, cabins, other licensees and permittees), and communities. Expectations regarding this engagement is set out in the MVLWB [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#). The Engagement Record submitted with the Application indicated engagement with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Tłıchǫ Government, and North Slave Métis Alliance.

The Engagement Record submitted with the Application does not indicate that Yellow Dog Lodge was engaged. Engage with Yellow Dog Lodge and revise the Engagement Record accordingly.

Identify any other private landholders or leaseholders in the vicinity of the proposed Project, if required, contact the GNWT for assistance, to ensure that engagement includes all potentially affected parties. Revise the Engagement Record accordingly.

10. Fees: As described in section 3.2, item 20 of the Guide, all fees are payable to the Receiver General for Canada.

All fees should be mailed to the Board as soon as possible when an application package is submitted; applications cannot be deemed complete until those fees are received by the Board, or proof that the fees have been sent, is received by the Board. Fees must be received prior to issuance of a permit.

11. Signature: As described in section 3.2, item 21 of the Guide, the applicants full name is to be printed before signing and dating the application.

Revise the Application Form to include the printed full name of the applicant and date the Application.

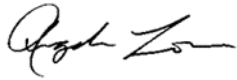
12. Additional Supporting Information: The Application included an Erosion Management Plan. The submitted document contains track changes.

Revise the Erosion Management Plan document accordingly.

Upon receipt of this information, the Board will review the Application in accordance with the MVLUR. Unless Prestige Lithium Inc. requests additional time, if this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, the Board will consider the Application withdrawn.

Please contact Angela Love via [email](#) or at (867) 766-7456 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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

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