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File: MV2024C0013

Garnet Harter  
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Sent by email

Dear Garnet Harter,

**Re: Silver Bear Mines Inc.– Land Use Permit – Renewal Application – Incomplete – Mineral Exploration – Beaulieu River Area**

On May 10, 2024, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) staff received the renewal Application Package (Application) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2024C0013<sup>1</sup> to replace the previous Permit MV2016C0022<sup>2</sup> for the Beaulieu River (Project) from Silver Bear Mines Ltd. (SBM).

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 Form<sup>3</sup> and the Land and Water Board (LWB) *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process* (Guide)<sup>4</sup> and submit the following information to the Board's office as an updated application package:

1. Application: An application form needs to be submitted.
2. Project Description and Status: In the Project description, outline the status of the Project (i.e., describe the extent of any activities conducted – construction, operations, remediation etc.). The currently submitted Project Description references work that was to be done under MV2016C0022.
3. Waste Management Plan:

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<sup>1</sup> See the MVLWB Online Registry [www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com) for [MV2024C0013](#)

<sup>2</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2016C0022](#)

<sup>3</sup> See the MVLWB Apply for Permit/Licence webpage for the Land Use Permit [Application Form](#).

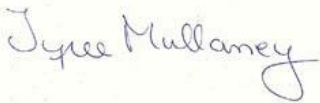
<sup>4</sup> See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

- a. In the Waste Management Plan submitted, it notes that the drill cuttings will be transported to a single pit. Does this mean that all cutting will be transported and there will be no sumps established?
  - b. Please provide an updated letter from the City of Yellowknife confirming the acceptance of waste
  - c. Please provide an updated letter from KBL confirming the acceptance of waste
4. Preliminary Screening: The proposed renewal may include changes to the Project, but any proposed changes that are not exempt must be screened and could be subject to an environmental assessment.
  - a. Provide rationale for why the Project, or parts of the Project could be considered exempt from preliminary screening.
  - b. Describe all potential impacts and proposed mitigations associated with the proposed change(s) to the Project. Indicate whether any of the mitigation measures have been developed as a result of input from affected parties.
5. Engagement Plan: An Engagement Plan is required to be submitted with the Application.
6. Engagement Record: Page 6 of the Record refers to Łutsek'e Dene First Nation, please confirm if the organization identified is correct. If the organization is not correct, please provide an updated record.
7. Security Worksheet: A security work sheet needs to be submitted with the Application.
8. Application Fee: Submit the \$150.00 application fee to the Board office.

Upon receipt of this information, the Board will review the Application in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations. Unless Silver Bear Mines Ltd. 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 Tyree Mullaney via [email](#) or at (867) 766-7464 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Tyree Mullaney  
Regulatory Specialist

BCC'd to: Clint Ambrose – Inspector, GNWT-ECC  
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