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July 22, 2022

Attention: Bonnie Bergsma
Regulatory Coordinator-Specialist
Sahtu Land and Water Board
Box 1, FORT GOOD HOPE, NT X0E 0H0

Dear Ms. Bergsma,

**Re: Land Use Permit Extension
Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project
S17D-003**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) - Contaminants and Remediation Division (CARD) requests a two year extension of Land Use Permit S17D-003 for the Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project, which is set to expire on July 24, 2022.

The associated water licence S17L8-002 is set to expire on July 24, 2024. This Land Use Permit extension request will align the expiry of both the Permit and Licence.

Remediation has yet to commence as we continue with important engagement and design updates. The extension is required to maintain the ability to conduct potential Care and Maintenance activities and for commencement of remediation. The scope of work has not changed from the original application, and an amendment to the permit will not be required.

CARD has notified Indigenous stakeholders of the Land Use Permit extension request. Engagement notifications are appended to this extension request.

As you may be aware, CIRNAC and the D l n  Got' n  Government (DGG) have entered into a Great Bear Lake Mine Remediation Governance Agreement (signed 23 Feb 2021). Project components, such as Permits, are typically actively discussed between CIRNAC and DGG prior to taking any actions. Unfortunately, CIRNAC and DGG have not yet had the opportunity to discuss this LUP extension request prior to submission deadline, due to a communication pause during DGG's ongoing election.

CIRNAC is requesting that the SLWB accept this Land Use Permit Extension Request, but delay the processing of the request until such time that CIRNAC and DGG have had the opportunity to have meaningful engagement about the extension request. An updated engagement log can be provided at a later date prior to commencing the processing of this extension request.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact myself at (867)445-2824 or murray.somers@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca, or Joel Gowman at (867)445-3157 or joel.gowman@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

Murray Somers, Acting Project Manager
Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC)

cc: Rasel Hossain, Senior Manager – CIRNAC-CARD
 Joel Gowman, Project Manager – CIRNAC-CARD

Encl: Engagement Notifications

Somers, Murray

From: Somers, Murray
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 10:25 AM
To: violetcamsellblondin@tlicho.com
Cc: Gowman, Joel; Walker, Eva
Subject: Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project: Notification of Land Use Permit Extension Request

Good Afternoon Violet,

The Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project Team of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) will soon be requesting a two year extension for our current Land Use Permit (LUP – S17D-003), which is currently set to expire on July 24, 2022.

Remediation of the sites has yet to commence as we continue with important prior engagement and design updates. The extension is required to maintain the ability to conduct potential Care and Maintenance activities and for commencement of remediation. The scope of work has not changed from the original application, and an amendment to the permit will not be required.


The LUP extension request will soon be submitted to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB). The SLWB will post the request to their Online Review System, where you will have the opportunity to comment on the extension request.

If you have any questions regarding this LUP extension, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Murray Somers

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From: Somers, Murray
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 10:22 AM
To: remediation.manager@gov.deline.ca
Cc: Gowman, Joel; Walker, Eva
Subject: Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project: Notification of Land Use Permit Extension Request

Good Afternoon Diane,

The Great Bear Lake Sites Remediation Project Team of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) will soon be requesting a two year extension for our current Land Use Permit (LUP – S17D-003), which is currently set to expire on July 24, 2022.

As you are aware, remediation of the sites has yet to commence as we continue with important prior engagement and design updates. The extension is required to maintain the ability to conduct potential Care and Maintenance activities and for commencement of remediation. The scope of work has not changed from the original application, and an amendment to the permit will not be required.

In order to meet the regulated submission timelines, the LUP extension request will soon be submitted to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB). However, we will be requesting that the Board delay the processing of the request until after CIRNAC and DGG have had the opportunity to meet and discuss the LUP extension request. If the Board chooses not to delay the processing of the request, then the request will be posted to their Online Review System, where you will have the opportunity to comment on the extension request.

CIRNAC is committed to meaningful engagement with Deline and DGG regarding the GBL Mine Remediation Project, and honouring the Governance Agreement. DGG provides valuable contributions to this project, and we look forward to continued engagement with DGG regarding the project's regulatory permits/licences and the associated plans and reports.

If you have any questions regarding this LUP extension, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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