

Subject: Renewal of Permit S16C-002

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Dear Gabriel,

Thank you for letting the SLWB know that Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. (SCML) is requesting a five year renewal of Land Use Permit S16C-002 for mineral exploration activities in the Howard's Pass Area of the Tulita District, in the Northwest Territories portion of the Selwyn Project. Our understanding is that there has been no commencement of Project activity.

A renewal is essentially a new application for a development that has been permitted previously and is therefore exempt from preliminary screening. Applications are submitted using the same form with the same fees (\$150.00 payable to Receiver General for Canada) submitted to the Fort Good Hope office. Link to the new [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#) and the <https://www.SLWB.com> home page "Apply for a Permit/Licence" button.

The current Permit expires on November 23, 2021. The SLWB regulatory process requires approximately 60 days. In order to ensure a continuous operation, the SLWB should receive the renewal application by end of September 2021. The renewal application may be submitted and processed any time earlier.

The Permittee should **clearly state and clarify** in the cover letter and in the application:

- that they are applying for a preliminary screening exemption and confirm that the project has not been modified (in accordance with the Preliminary Screening Regulations and the Exemption List Regulations).
- that the renewal application covers all of the activities under the existing permit S16C-002 and that they would like the Board to discontinue and grant final clearance to S16C-002, after approval of the renewal Permit as per section 37 of the MVLUR.

Other items **required** for Board consideration in the renewal Application are:

- Confirming and updating the SLUP Conformity Determination to consider and include any new scientific or traditional knowledge or information about the area surrounding the Selwyn Project, including but not limited to:
 - changes in wildlife use of the area,
 - the new zone boundaries of the Naats'ihch'oh National Park Reserve,
 - changes to the ecological integrity of the nearby land,
 - changes in sensitive caribou post calving activity in the project area.
- Complete and submit an Engagement Record for the Renewal with due considerations being given regarding the inability to follow preferred methods of contact (face-to-face) in light of COVID restrictions.
- Confirm or update all Management Plans – Engagement Plan, Waste Management Plan, Spill Contingency Plan, Restoration Plan.
- Confirm or recommend changes to permit conditions. The scope of the permit must remain the same. The new draft permit conditions will be based on the previous permit, updated to match the Standard

Land Use Permit Conditions Template, and any other changes recommended through the review process or by SCML. SCML submitted a request for revisions to several permit conditions on November 9, 2016 during the previous renewal. However, due to the timing of the request being submitted after the review comment period ended, the Board could not consider it at that time as per subsection 26(2) of the MVLUR. The Board could consider the request for this renewal process, if SCML still seeks changes to Conditions #17 (Sumps From Water), #29 (Excavate Near Watercourse), #32 (Drilling Near Water or On Ice) and #33 (non-toxic Drilling Waste). These conditions require the Permittee to maintain at least 100 m setback from any watercourses when conducting the above land use operations. SCML requested the Board to reduce the 100 m distance to watercourses to 30 m in these conditions.

If you require any other assistance with this process, please contact me by phone or email,

Sincerely,
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