



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Notice of Referral for a Conformity Determination Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade

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(Proponent)
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- CC: Rebecca Chouinard, Regulatory and Technical Director, MVLWB
David Little, Executive Director, The Sahtu Secretariat
Terry Hall, Director, Land Use and Sustainability GNWT-Lands
Catherine Conrad, Environment and Renewable Resource Directorate, AANDC
Other persons or organizations, at the Board's discretion (list provided)

Request for Conformity Determination

In a letter dated December 3, 2015, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) referred applications from Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. ("the Proponent") for a Land Use Permit and a Water Licence for the Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (the "Applications") for a conformity determination pursuant to Section 47(1)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act and the Sahtu Land Use Plan.

Project Summary

The proposed Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project ("the Project") is for a two-lane year-round access road for commercial use to support mine operations including the bulk hauling of concentrates and mine resupply during operations. Work to upgrade the road will include:

- 1) clearing of vegetation within the road right-of-way to an average width of 25 m to accommodate the upgraded road;
- 2) grubbing adjacent to the roadway to accommodate road widening;
- 3) widening of the road surface to 8.5 m, plus widening at curves, pullouts and bridge approaches where required;
- 4) road subgrade improvements in localized soft areas, including placement of geogrid, geotextile and granular fill;
- 5) upgrading of drainage systems, including widening of existing ditches and installation/extension of culverts;
- 6) localized changes to the road alignment and profile for road safety, i.e., to improve driver sight lines and reduce steep grades, and to allow for improved travel speeds, including a potential bypass at the south end of the road;
- 7) application of gravel surfacing to the road as required; and
- 8) development and use of roadside borrow areas.



The Applications can be found on the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board public registry, through the following links:

Land Use Permit Application (MV2015F0012)

<http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/MV/SitePages/search.aspx?app=MV2015F0012>

Water Licence Application (MV2015L8-0005)

<http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/MV/SitePages/search.aspx?app=MV2015L8-0005>

Information Requests made to the Proponent

By this notice, the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (“the Board”) requests that the Proponent provide a detailed rationale for why the Project should be considered a legacy land use per SLUP 2.5.D. The Board requests that the Proponent provide this information by written submission to the Chair of the Board no later than 5:00 PM on December 22, 2015.

The Board may make additional information requests on the Applications to the Proponent during the conformity determination process. The Proponent will have ten (10) business days to respond from the date the information request(s) are sent, subject to Rule 4.5(1).

Comments from the Public

Persons who may be affected by the activities to be carried out pursuant to the Applications and members of the public may submit comments on the project by email (info@sahtulanduseplan.org), fax, or post using the contact information above. All comments should be addressed to the Chair of the Board and received by 5:00 PM December 22, 2015.

Sahtu Land Use Plan and Conformity Determination Procedure

The Sahtu Land Use Plan, Sahtu Land Use Plan Implementation Guide, and Rules of Procedure are available to download at www.sahtulanduseplan.org, or can be viewed in hard copy at the SLUPB office in Fort Good Hope. Any questions in regard to the Board procedures should be directed to the Executive Director at exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org or 867-598-2055.

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This notice was issued at Fort Good Hope, NWT on December 8, 2015 by the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board.



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