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Subject: EA0405-001 – Horn River Mineral Exploration, J. Lind – Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan

MESSAGE:

Please find attached Environment Canada's comments on the above-mentioned file. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ivy Stone
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Via facsimile

Attention: Kimberley Cliffe-Phillips

Re: EA0405-001 – Horn River Mineral Exploration, J. Lind – Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the above noted Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan and offers the following advice for your consideration. Environment Canada's contribution to your request for comments is based primarily on the mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* and *Migratory Birds Regulations*, and the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*.

Comments and Recommendations

C Development Description

C-10 Future Development

EC agrees that the proponent should provide information about future development plans associated with this exploration plan. There is a potential that, should preliminary findings show high mineral potential, this project may advance to a higher level of exploration work. In the event that this project does reach an advanced stage of exploration, EC recommends that the proponent outline a mitigation plan to address potential impacts of such an operation in the Candidate Protected Area adjacent to their exploration block(s). For example, would the proponent propose a buffer zone around the exploration block to reduce impacts associated with activities such as overflights, dust, noise etc?

E Alternatives

E-1

EC agrees that the proponent should evaluate the need for this development given that it is surrounded by a Candidate Protected Area and the full ecological and non-renewable resource assessments are still in progress.

J Physical and Biological Environment

J-7 SARA

EC recommends the inclusion of the following comment in this section. "Mitigation measures proposed must be consistent with any applicable recovery strategy or Action plan for the species."

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 669-4708 or by email at ivy.stone@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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