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To: Distribution list

Re: Engagement during the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) would like to hear how you would like to be engaged during the environmental assessment of the proposed Pine Point Mine Project. The Review Board ordered an environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project on February 4th, for reasons described in a [Reasons for Decision](#) document.

The Review Board is committed to safe and effective engagement and consultation during this environmental assessment. The Review Board will work with parties to set engagement and consultation approaches and methods that achieve this.

Meaningful engagement and consultation is part of every environmental assessment, but different approaches may be needed to protect everyone's health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Review Board's **approaches to engagement and consultation** need to be adaptable, may need to change, and **will be set on a case-by-case basis following discussion with each Indigenous or community party** to this environmental assessment. The Review Board's [Engagement and Consultation Policy during COVID -19](#) describes our general approach in more detail.

How you would you like to be engaged during this environmental assessment?

The Review Board has identified your organization as one that represents a First Nation, Métis Organization or community that could be potentially affected by the proposed Pine Point Mine Project. We are now seeking the best way to engage and communicate with you and your staff during the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project. **We want to engage in a way that works best for you.** You can assist us by providing:

1. the representative and contact information of your organization (e.g., Chief, mayor, leader). This individual will receive key process step documents only, including any Notice of Proceedings;
2. the resource person or individual who will interact with Review Board staff on a day-to-day basis and will receive all correspondence and material on the public registry;
3. how you wish to be engaged, including approaches acceptable to your community. This may include online engagement or in person engagement options; and,
4. specific protocols in your community that need to be followed during COVID-19 restrictions.

Review Board staff will be in contact with you shortly to discuss how you would like to be engaged.

Next step – community scoping meetings in April 2021

The next step in the environmental assessment is the scoping phase. Community scoping meetings are public meetings. The purpose of scoping meetings is to focus the environmental assessment on issues that matter most. It is important that the Review Board consider the input of communities and residents potentially affected by the Pine Point Mine Project when setting the scope.

Community scoping meetings are **open to the public**. The Review Board is seeking input on how and when to host scoping meetings in your community. Our Workplan for the Pine Point Mine Project identifies mid to late April as a preferred time for community scoping meetings. You can assist us by suggesting:

- a date and time for a community scoping meeting in mid to late April
- a preferred method of meeting including in-person or an online meeting
- where you would like to attend
- a contact in your community to assist with meeting logistics

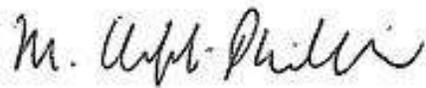
The Review Board looks to host community scoping meetings in **Hay River, Fort Resolution, and Yellowknife**.

The Review Board is the primary body responsible for environmental assessment in the Mackenzie Valley. The Review Board's assessments center on the protection of the environment (including social, economic and cultural aspects), the well-being of communities and residents in the Mackenzie Valley, the well-being and way of life of Indigenous people, and the concerns of Indigenous people and the public.

You can subscribe to our public registry for the Pine Point Mine Project environmental assessment here: [EA2021-01 Pine Point Mine Project](#). If you want to continue to be involved in the Pine Point Mine Project environmental assessment, please let us know.

Please let us know your preferences for engagement and consultation during this environmental assessment, by responding to mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca, 867-766-7055, or Chuck Hubert, chubert@reviewboard.ca, 867-766-7052.

Sincerely,



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