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## **Public Notice**

## **Participant Funding Available**

for the Environmental Assessment of Pine Point Mining Limited's Proposed Pine Point Mine Project

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking funding to assist participation in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (the Board) environmental assessment of Pine Point Mining Limited's proposal to build a zinc and lead mine 175 km south of Yellowknife, 42 km east of Hay River, and 53 km southwest of Fort Resolution. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this project, the Board will, among other things, consider the interests of Indigenous people and their special relationship to the wilderness environment and the cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles of Indigenous people and other residents of the Northwest Territories.

Funding is available for **both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years** (starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023). The Participant Funding Guide and Application form can be accessed on Board's registry (<a href="https://reviewboard.ca/registry/">https://reviewboard.ca/registry/</a>) or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to <a href="mailto:aadnc.aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding.aandc@canada.ca">aandc@canada.ca</a> by 11:59 p.m. (PST) Friday, March 26, 2021.

If you have any questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff at <a href="mailto:aadnc.aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding.aandc@canada.ca">aadnc.aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding.aandc@canada.ca</a>.

An application review committee independent of the Board will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to eligibility criteria specified in the Participant Funding Guide. CIRNAC will provide all successful applicants with a funding agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.

## **The Proposed Project**

On February 2, 2021, Pine Point Mining Limited submitted a project proposal to the Board that would involve building a zinc and lead mine 175 km south of Yellowknife, 42 km east of Hay River, and 53 km southwest of Fort Resolution, in the Northwest Territories. The proposed project would involve:

- A construction phase spanning approximately 1.5 years that would include a process plant, camp and other facilities.
- An operations phase spanning approximately 10 to 15 years that would include both open pit and underground mining methods. In total, about 40 million tonnes of rock containing zinc and lead will be mined for the Project.



• Once mining is finished, closure and reclamation will take place.

The Board has referred the project to an environmental assessment In accordance with subsection 126(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Further information regarding this environmental assessment can be found on the Board's public registry at <a href="https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01">https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01</a>.

