

February 19, 2021

## Notice of Proceeding – scoping phase

### EA2021-01 – Pine Point Mine Project, Pine Point Mining Limited

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The Pine Point Mine Project is entering the scoping phase of environmental assessment. The purpose of the scoping phase is to focus the environmental assessment on issues that matter most to communities and other parties potentially affected by the Pine Point Mine Project. The scoping phase includes technical and community scoping meetings, and preparation and review of a draft Terms of Reference. The scoping phase concludes when the Review Board issues its final Terms of Reference for the Pine Point Mine Project.

The general milestones involved in the scoping phase, with estimated timelines, are presented in this table and described in more detail below.

Step	Description	Proposed Dates
Step 1	Review Board refers project to environmental assessment	Feb 4
Step 2	Review Board EA Start-up meeting	March 5
Step 3	Information session on developer's submission	March 12
Step 4	Scoping meetings	April
Step 5	Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference – public review using the Online Review System	May
Step 6	Review Board issues final Terms of Reference	May/June
Step 7	Review Board issues draft Workplan	May/June

#### Step 1: Review Board refers Pine Point Mine Project to environmental assessment

On February 4, 2021, the Review Board used its authority under section 126(3) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act to order an environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project.

## **Step 2: Review Board EA start-up meeting**

Review Board staff will host a brief online meeting with Indigenous organizations, GNWT and federal expert departments, regulators and other stakeholders. The purpose is to describe the EA start-up and scoping phase. When participants in this meeting take part later in the upcoming Information session on the developer's submission, they will be better prepared to identify and prioritize their issues for the scoping meetings that will follow. An agenda and instructions on how to participate in this online meeting will follow.

## **Step 3: Information session on developer's submission**

The Review Board will facilitate an online session so that Pine Point Mining Limited can present its Environmental Assessment Information Package and accompanying Developer's Assessment Proposal. The Review Board will briefly describe the purpose of the meeting and the scoping phase and the developer will then describe its EA Information Package. There will be an opportunity for questions from participants and answers from the developer. An agenda and instructions on how to participate in this online session will follow.

## **Step 4: Scoping meetings**

The Review Board will host both technical and community scoping meetings. Agendas and instructions on how to participate will follow. Reviewers will be specifically asked to recommend issues to prioritize for the environmental assessment to assist the Review Board scope issues for its draft Terms of Reference.

## **Step 5: Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference**

The Review Board will prepare a draft Terms of Reference based on information from both the scoping meetings and the Developers EA Initiation Package. The draft Terms of Reference will be issued for review on the Online Review System.

## **Step 6: Review Board issues a final Terms of Reference for the developer to prepare its Developer's Assessment Report**

The Review Board will issue a final Terms of Reference considering recommendations and responses from the online review and the scoping meetings.

The Terms of Reference will require the developer to describe its proposed Project in detail, its views of the potential impacts, and the mitigation measures that the developer is committing to carry out. Pine Point Mining Limited will prepare its Developer's Assessment Report based on the requirements set out in the Terms of Reference.

## Step 7: Workplan

The Review Board will prepare a draft Workplan. The Workplan will:

- describe the steps and key milestones
- clarify the roles and responsibilities of those parties and organizations that are involved
- provide a schedule with estimated time lines for each stage in the assessment

### **Party status and intervener status – how you can participate during the scoping phase**

The Review Board will issue a Notice of Proceeding describing how you can apply for party status. The Review Board has begun early direct engagement with potential parties and will continue to do so prior to scoping.

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