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by EMAIL

**Aboriginal Consultation for the Environmental Assessment for Osisko/
Pine Point Mining Limited's Proposal to Develop a Zinc/Lead Mine, Project EA2021-01.**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Government of Canada (Canada) are initiating a joint formal Aboriginal consultation process on **Pine Point Mining Limited's Proposal to Develop a Zinc/Lead Mine, Project EA2021-01**, (the Project). The Project was referred to environmental assessment on February 4th, 2021, by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board).

For more information regarding the Project, I encourage you to review the Review Board's public registry for the environmental assessment at: <http://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01>

The GNWT is a final decision maker¹ on the Review Board's recommendation as to whether the proposed Project should proceed or not. The GNWT must therefore fulfill the duty to consult and, if appropriate, accommodate with your government or organization on matters you identify during the environmental assessment process that have potential adverse impacts on your asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights.

CONSULTATION PROCESS COORDINATION

I am delegating Ms. Lorraine Seale, Director, Securities and Project Assessment, as the GNWT properly mandated and authorized departmental official responsible for coordinating the Aboriginal consultation process for this Project. Ms. Seale can be reached by email at Lorraine_Seale@gov.nt.ca and by telephone at 867-767-9180, ext. 24020. You can expect to receive future GNWT consultation correspondence on this matter from Ms. Seale.

At this time, I ask that you please identify your main contact person, if it is someone other than yourself, to ensure that we continue to communicate with a representative properly mandated and authorized to coordinate on behalf of your government or organization. We would appreciate it if you could forward this information to Ms. Seale **by March 5th, 2021**.

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¹ Under section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the GNWT is a final decision maker on the Review Board's recommendation outlined in the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for projects wholly on non-federal land.

Shortly, the GNWT and Canada will jointly send a letter with more detail to continue this consultation on the Project. That letter will discuss:

- a) Details of how the consultation process will proceed using the Review Board's process;
- b) potential funding for this consultation process; and
- c) any other noteworthy matters in relation to the consultation process.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the Project, Ms. Seale would be pleased follow up with you or your staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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