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License Administrator
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Re: 2BE-HAK0915 Comments

Dear Ida:

This is a response to the comments from regulatory agencies regarding the application to renew the land use permit for Hacket River. I will respond by agency.

Fisheries and Oceans:

In order to comply with the fisheries act, we will follow the guidance tools specified in their comment.

Environment and Climate Change Canada:

Incineration of Sewage; the incinerator used at site is Eco Waste Solutions two stage batch incinerator Model CA-50. A specification sheet and letter from the supplier are attached indicating the equipment is suitable for incinerating the waste from the Pacto toilets.

I have also included an excerpt from the waste management policy for Hacket River the details the procedure for operating the incinerator with Pacto toilet waste.

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada:

1. Water Use; The drilling procedures at the site specify the following;

Overall, 269 m³/day is permitted for drilling use. Water meters are required on each drill, measuring water pumped from the source and water consumed by drilling. Both readings are recorded at the end of each shift, are reported to the Geology Program Manager and are documented in a spreadsheet.

The Geology Program Manager ensures the total water withdrawal for drilling is kept below 269 cubic meters per day. There is no planned drilling program for 2016 at the site.

2&3 A&R Plan; we agree with the comment. The phrase “wooden frames and structures would be left in place” was an oversight and will be removed and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan. A revised A&R Plan is attached.

4 Waste Disposal; plastic is not and will not be incinerated at site. This was an oversight. A revised Attachment No. 1- Additional Information is attached.

5. Expiration of Permits; we agree with the comment. No activities will start at the site until permits are renewed

6. Contact Information; the changes to Eva Paul’s contact information are noted

Additional comment from INAC regarding pH of water in drill cutting sumps. The following has been added to our 2016 program;

During the first inspection in early July, reference sites will be selected to determine natural surface water pH (and target pH ranges for sumps exceeding pH Water License limits). Inspections of the drill cutting sumps will again be completed in August and an approved neutralizing chemical will be added to sumps exceeding field pH Water License limits.

We will also continue with reclamation of drill cutting sumps

If there are any other issues or concerns with the land use application renewal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (506) 547-3288 or at Rick.Schwenger@glencore-ca.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Schwenger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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