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## Information Request Re:2BE-KGP----

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Thu, Nov 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM

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Hi Dave.

Please see my answers/comments/questions below in red.

I think a phone call between yourself, Solstice and I would be very beneficial! When would you be available?

Thanks very much for your help, it is very appreciated!

Tara

From: Dave Baines [mailto:dave.baines@nwb-oen.ca]

Sent: October-31-18 11:08 AM

To: tgunson@apexgeoscience.com; licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Subject: Information Request Re: 2BE-KGP----

Tara.

Hi! My name is Dave Baines. I've completed a quick review of the Water Licence Application you have provided on behalf of Solstice Gold Corp for the Kahuna Gold Project (NWB File No.: 2BE-KGP----).

Could you please provide additional information to clarify/support the Application:

 Please provide a letter from Dunnedin Ventures Inc. authorizing Solstice Gold to utilize the camp approved under Water Licence No.: 2BE-KPD1722.

Please see attached authorization letter "181024-Solstice Gold Corp Kahuna Camp Use Authorization."

• Please provide clarification if there are known water users in the project area and if any compensation arrangements have been made with those users as per Block 18 of the Water Licence Application form.

No Known other water users directly within the "Project Area," identified by the black hashed line in the "Kahuna Gold Property Location Figure," and therefore no compensation arrangements have been made.

• Please provide comment on water use/impacts on IOL and any discussions or compensation arrangements have been made for that use/impact as per Block 19 of the Water Licence Application form.

There will be no substantial affect of the quality, quantity or flow of waters flowing through Inuit Owned Land and therefore no negotiations have commenced or any agreements made to pay compensation for any loss or damage have been reached with one or more Designated Inuit Organization (DIO).

An application for a Land Use Licence III, corresponding Water Licence and Right of Way Agreement is currently under review with the KivIA.

 Please provide clarification on the statement in the submitted camp questionnaire that 'a separate Solstice fuel cache.....may be established'. Is this separate cache different than the one permitted with the camp under Water Licence No.: 2BE-KPD1722?

Dunnedin requested that Solstice permit their own fuel cache at the Camp, but because the camp is permitted and licenced to Dunnedin, CIRNAC advised permitting a Solstice Cache near, but separate from, the Camp. Solstice and Dunnedin are in discussions regarding the need (or not) of an additional cache so it may not be constructed, but we thought we should apply for one just in case. So yes, separate from 2BE-KPD1722.

Is the request to have a separate Solstice cache going to cause any significant issues or delays with the licence approval? If yes, I can discuss with Solstice and Dunnedin and remove the request from the application.

• Please provide clarification on how Solstice and Dunnedin propose to align plans, tracking, and reporting for spills, fuel storage, waste etc where the activities cross both permits. For example, in the submitted waste management plan, Solstice proposes to ship Hazardous Waste to the camp and then manage it through Water Licence No.: 2BE-KPD1722; how will this waste be tracked and reported and under which Water Licence? The process should be clear, but not onerous or redundant.

All activities at the Kahuna Camp will comply with the terms and conditions of 2BE-KPD1722, including hazardous waste use, storage and transfer (including into camp from suppliers and out of camp to authorized disposal/recycling facilities). All hazardous materials transferred in and out of the camp will be tracked and reported with any spills in the Annual Report for 2BE-KPD1722. Any spills related to the transfer, storage or use of the drums in the Solstice Fuel cache will be tracked and reported under the LUP and water licence issued to Solstice.

• Please provide a discussion of the strategy proposed by Solstice and Dunnedin related to any likely consequential amendments to 2BE-KPD1722 to address collaboration and/or conflicts between the projects.

Dunnedin and Solstice have a "Plan of Arrangement," whereby Dunnedin spun out the rights to gold mineralization on the Kahuna Property to Solstice (completed January 31, 2018). Both companies currently work under Dunnedin's permits/licences, which cover the entire Property, where both parties retain an interest. Under the current application, Solstice is applying for their own permits/licences on their portion of the Property, now known as the "Kahuna Gold Property," once received, Dunnedin will amend the current permits/licences to restrict exploration activities to Dunnedin's new reduced "Kahuna Diamond Property" boundary, so no overlap exists for exploration activities. Both companies will continue to share Dunnedin's permitted/licenced Kahuna Camp facilities, which is located on a 100% owned Solstice claim (on Crown land), to minimize impact, share staff and costs.

Any subsequent amendments and changes to the Kahuna Camp permits and licences will be discussed and coordinated with Solstice, to ensure the ability to support Solstice exploration activities as per the "Plan of Arrangement."

Please provide a discussion of the term proposed by Solstice in relation to the term of the camp. At this time, Solstice has proposed a 5 year term for the project (e.g. possibly ending in 2023), but proposes to use a camp that is only approved to 2022. The NWB would prefer alignment in these dates through either a 2022 expiry for the Kahuna Gold Project or Dunnedin applying to extend the expiry of their Water Licence to 2023.

Dunnedin is planning to amend water licence 2BE-KPD1722 to remove the portion of the Property that overlaps with the Solstice Kahuna Gold Project. Solstice will request and coordinate with Dunnedin to also apply for an extension to match the new 5 year term that Solstice is applying for.

I'd be happy to chat on the phone to clarify my request or to discuss any points.

Thanks,

Dave

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