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Leeward Capital Corp would like to thank CIRNAC for their thoughtful comments. See responses below.

1. Water Source(s) Comment: CIRNAC found that there is only request for use of Knutsen Lake for both drilling and camp water purposes. The furthest south end of the proposed drilling area is about 2.5km away from Knutsen Lake.

Does the proponent plan to pump water using hoses to the proposed possible drilling area or does the proponent plan to use a closer water source?

Recommendation: (R-02) CIRNAC recommends that if the proponent plans to use water sources other than Knutsen Lake, the only one mentioned in the licence application, they include these other sources in their application.

***Knutsen Lake and the stream feeding it and issuing from it are the only suitable water source for the northern part of the property. Farney Lake can be used for the southern part of the property so both will be used.***

2. Cubic Meters of Water Requested per Day Comment: CIRNAC found that the total amount of water use described for camp and drills is 45m<sup>3</sup> per day, but the requested amount is 295m<sup>3</sup> per day.

How does the proponent intend to use the remaining 250 m<sup>3</sup> per day, and will this generate different wastes?

Recommendation: (R-03) CIRNAC recommends that the proponent clarify whether or not they need the extra water and if so to clarify the purpose of this water use.

***Initially, 45m<sup>3</sup> is quite sufficient for the camp and drilling, however in future years an expanded camp and additional water may be required thus the requested 295m<sup>3</sup>/day***

3. On Ice Drilling Comment: CIRNAC found that the proponent's submitted Fuel Spill Contingency Plan includes a section for fuel spills on ice. We also note that the camp operations are planned for July to October. Does the proponent plan on doing drilling on water bodies during the winter?

Recommendation: (R-04) CIRNAC recommends that the proponent clarify whether or not they plan on conducting drilling in this area during the winter and having the camp running during the winter. This would allow for development of a water licence with the appropriate terms and conditions.

***Leeward Capital Corp does not plan to drill on ice as any drilling activities would be carried on the ground.***

4. Reclamation Estimate Comment: A reclamation cost estimate is required with the application, in box 21. This information is often included in the Abandonment and Reclamation Plan, but the one provided by the proponent does not include an estimate. The estimate should be the cost of having the camp and drill sites reclamation work done by a third-party contractor if the operator were to default. Recommendation: (R-05) CIRNAC recommends that the proponent provide a reclamation cost estimate to complete the application.

**Leeward Capital will provide a reclamation estimate under separate cover as it is in progress.**

Sincerely yours.



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