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Community Engagement Plan

Somerset Trough Project

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REVISION HISTORY

The table below is a revision history table that outlines the revisions made by Bronzite Exploration Corporation to this document.

Version	Date	Section	Summary of Changes
0	May 27, 2024	All	Support document submitted as per April 19, 2024 NIRB Screening Decision Report

1.0 Introduction

Bronzite Exploration Corporation (Bronzite) is a mineral exploration company holding mineral claims in the Western Somerset Island Watershed of Somerset Island, Nunavut. The Somerset Trough Project (the Project) is situated over both Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot territories. The Project involves constructing a small camp on the claim block and conducting early exploration activities in 2025. Early exploration field programs will consist of airborne helicopter and fixed-wing surveys, prospecting, geological mapping, rock and channel sampling, and ground-based electromagnetic geophysical surveys. Depending on results of early exploration, diamond and RC drilling is anticipated in the project area beginning as early as 2026. See Figure 1 for the full extent of the Somerset Trough Project area.

This Community Engagement Plan (the CEP) has been developed to describe Bronzite's approach to engagement with local communities, Inuit associations, and other interested parties during regulatory processes and over the life of the project. The CEP will be reviewed at least annually by the Vice President, Exploration and updated as necessary.

1.1 Purpose

Bronzite will engage with communities and stakeholders prior to regulatory submissions to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Submissions could include project proposals, extension requests, or amendments to the project, or could include submission of new or revised management plans. The purpose of pre-submission engagement is to:

- Provide notice to all potentially affected communities and interested parties of the upcoming submission(s);
- Provide preliminary information and invite questions or comments on the upcoming submission materials;
- Seek early feedback or concerns from interested parties; and
- Work through any concerns that arise prior to submission.

Engagement will continue throughout the regulatory process, both through written comments and responses through the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) process, or through direct contact between Bronzite and interested parties.

It is critical that Bronzite continue to engage and collaborate with communities and stakeholders through the life of the Somerset Trough Project. The purpose of this ongoing engagement is to:

- Keep interested parties up to date on field season results and proposed future plans;
- Seek input on current operational or environmental management practices and future plans;
- Provide advanced information on potential employment or contracting opportunities for Inuit;

- Provide relevant compliance, socio-economic, or land and water use information as the project progresses through different phases;
- Potentially share data which could be useful to local communities, researchers, or Hunters and Trappers Associations; and
- Continue dialogue with interested parties to ensure that concerns are brought forth and addressed as effectively as possible.

Bronzite understands the environmental and cultural importance of the land, water, and wildlife in the sensitive Arctic ecosystem. Bronzite aims to continually engage with communities and stakeholders and to open a collaborative, respectful dialogue about the project. Feedback on the project will be used to improve upon existing operational practices and management plans to ensure a safe, sustainable operation. Bronzite will strive to be transparent about plans and goals of the project and will communicate relevant details to interested parties as early as possible.

1.2 Community Engagement Plan (CEP) Implementation

The CEP is effective upon approval and is valid throughout the life of the project. The Vice President, Exploration or designate is responsible for implementation of the Plan. A copy of the CEP will be maintained in a common area of the field camp on Somerset Island.

2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

Bronzite is responsible for activities associated with the Somerset Trough Project, including implementation and management of the CEP. Bronzite's contact information is:

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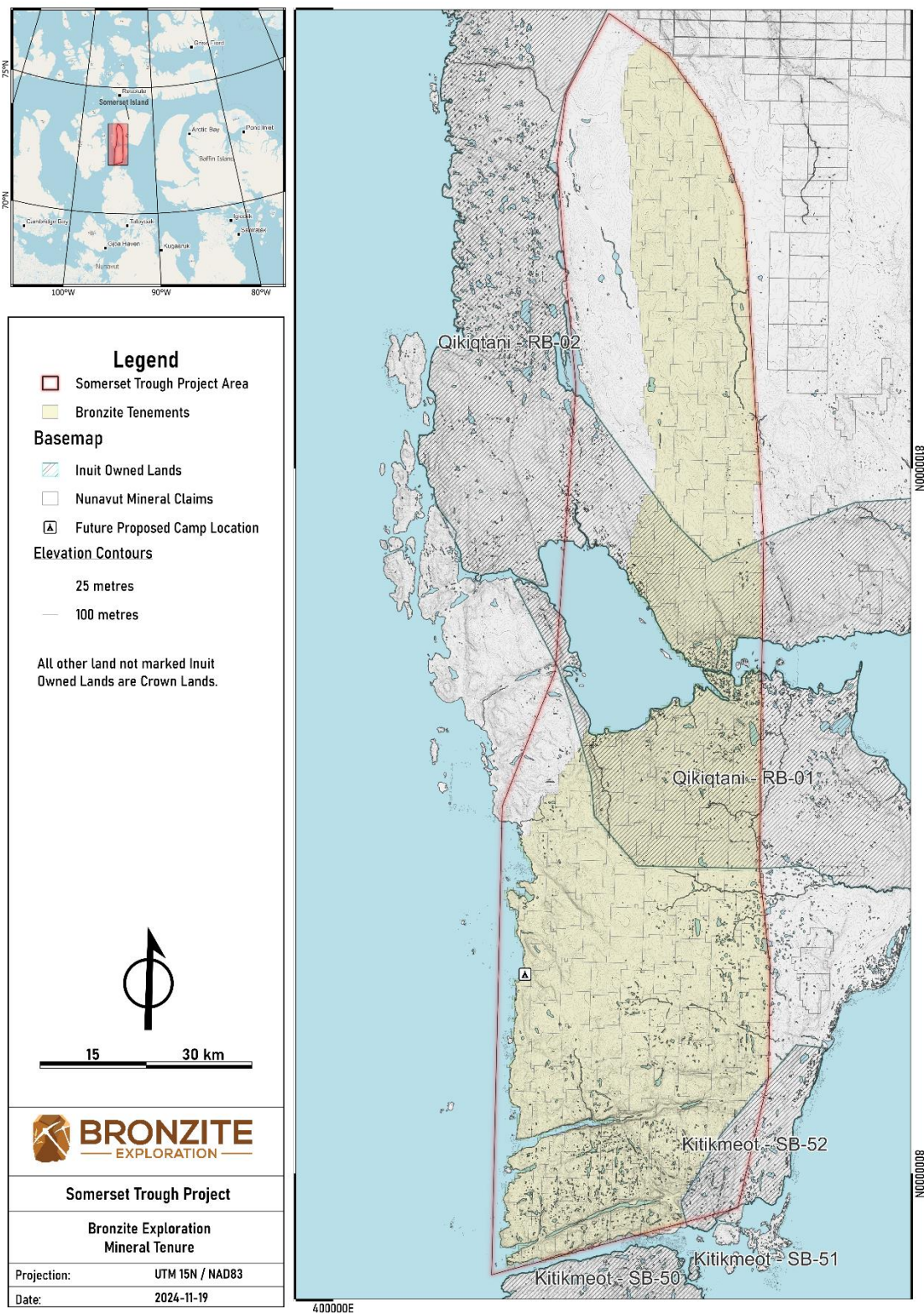
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Figure 1. Project Location



3.0 Affected Community and Stakeholder Identification

The Project area is comprised of both Crown Land and Inuit Owned Land (IOL) within the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut. As per the *Nunavut Agreement*, IOL is managed by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, while surface rights on Crown Land are administered and managed by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). Several governments and regulators are involved in the regulatory process and ongoing management of the project, including the Nunavut Water Board (water and waste management), Environment and Climate Change Canada (migratory birds), and Government of Nunavut (culture and heritage, wildlife). Accordingly, the following have been identified as potentially interested parties based on land rights, land ownership, and roles in the regulatory process:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Hamlet of Resolute Bay
- Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- Community of Taloyoak
- Taloyoak Umarulirigut Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Nunavut Water Board
- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
- CIRNAC
- Environment and Climate Change Canada

As the project progresses, other regulatory agencies such as Transport Canada or Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada could become engaged in the regulatory process due to regulatory triggers.

4.0 Methodology

Bronzite is committed to engaging with each community and stakeholder in the manner that works best for each group. With increased correspondence as the Project progresses, Bronzite will work with each group to determine which means of communication, and at what frequency, is appropriate.

During early exploration activities for the 2023 field season, pre-submission and ongoing engagement was primarily in the form of emails, phone calls, and presentations. More detailed communications will often be accompanied by translations into Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, and in some cases French (NIRB screening process).

In 2024, Bronzite completed a community and government engagement tour to share details about the Project, collect additional information and opinions on the Project, and discuss topics such as the Recommended Nunavut Land Use Plan and the proposed Aqviqtuuq Inuit Protected and

Conserved Area. Bronzite held in-person meetings with QIA, KIA, the community of Resolute Bay, the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association, the Government of Nunavut, CIRNAC, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, and the Nunavut Planning Commission,

As the project progresses, Bronzite will continue to plan community visits, as well as extend invitations for site visits from community members or other interested parties. For community visits, Bronzite will book a venue, advertise, provide catering, and provide translation services as needed. Honorariums may be provided to community members, as agreed upon with local governments and associations.

Table 1 below shows the various engagement methods that have already been employed, and other methods which will be utilized as the project progresses.

Table 1. Engagement Methods

Method	Use for Effective Engagement
Written communication	Email and letters are a means of relaying information about the project, with the option to include attachments such as maps or presentations
Phone	Useful for more in-depth discussions about project details, or to directly address any questions or concerns with the project
Presentations	Provide a way to present project information and visuals such as maps, infographics, datasets. Presentations can send via email or presented live by Bronzite in-person or over video conference.
Video conference	Enables face-to-face discussions with communities and organizations when in person meetings are not possible or necessary, with the ability to share visuals such as maps and datasets during the video call.
Reports	Reports are a formal method for summarizing information for interested parties. There are several legally required reports associated with the Somerset Trough Project.

Community visits	In 2024, Bronzite completed community visits to Resolute Bay to meet with the public, community or hamlet officials, and groups such as the QIA, and Hunters and Trappers Associations. The in-person meeting with the community of Taloyoak was cancelled due to weather in Fall 2024 but is to be rescheduled in 2025.
Site visits	Site visits allow community members and other interested parties a way to tour the camp facilities, as well as the larger project area. Site visits provide the opportunity for individuals to ask questions, raise concerns, or to provide useful information or Traditional Knowledge about the area. There is also an opportunity to provide accommodations for community members or researchers who are using the area for traditional activities or scientific research.
Workshops	Workshops can be held either remotely, or in-person, and can be an effective means of gathering several interested parties to discuss aspects of the project with the proponent.

Typical triggers and timing for engagement are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Triggers for Engagement

Scenario	Communities and Stakeholders Involved	Engagement Trigger	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Methods
Prior to regulator submissions	All potentially affected parties	Submission of project proposals, renewal requests, or amendments	Provide notice of upcoming submission with details, and rationale for, proposed project activities.	Written communication Phone Presentations Video conference Other methods, as requested
		Submission of supplemental information to regulators, the territorial government, or the QIA/KIA	Seek questions and concerns from interested parties and attempt to resolve any issues prior to submission	
Regulatory processes	All potentially affected parties	Questions or concerns communicated to Bronzite	Provide additional information or discuss concerns with interested parties	Written communication Phone Presentations Video conference Other methods, as requested
		Written comments provided during comment/response period		
		Submission of reports, new or updated	Keep all interested parties up to date on	Written communication

Scenario	Communities and Stakeholders Involved	Engagement Trigger	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Methods
Ongoing engagement during the life of the project	All potentially affected parties	management plans, or other supplemental information	project progress and any changes to scope.	Phone Reports Presentations Video conference Other methods, as requested
		Project notifications or changes	Provide relevant project information as per regulatory requirements or previously discussed information sharing agreements with specific interested parties.	
		Updates on project progress		
Seasonal Opening and Closing of the Camp	CIRNAC QIA KIA	Notifications to CIRNAC, as per land use permit N2024C0005 Notifications to QIA or KIA, as per terms and conditions of IOL land user permits	Provide notification and comply with regulatory authorizations	Written communication Phone

Scenario	Communities and Stakeholders Involved	Engagement Trigger	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Methods
Wildlife concerns	<p>QIA</p> <p>Resolute and Taloyoak Conservation Officers</p> <p>Resolute Hunters and Trappers Association</p> <p>Taloyoak Umarulirigut Association</p>	Upon occurrence	<p>Provide notice of wildlife issues or encounters to interested parties</p> <p>Remain compliant with regulatory authorizations</p> <p>Adhere to Bronzite Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan</p>	<p>Written communication</p> <p>Reports</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Video conference</p> <p>Site Visit</p>
Archaeological discoveries	<p>Government of Nunavut – Department of Culture and Heritage</p> <p>QIA</p> <p>Inuit Heritage Trust</p>	Upon occurrence	<p>Provide notice of archaeological find to interested parties</p> <p>Remain compliant with regulatory authorizations</p> <p>Adhere to Bronzite Environmental Protection Plan</p>	<p>Phone</p> <p>Written communication</p> <p>Video conference</p> <p>Site visits</p>

5.0 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IT) is extremely valuable traditional knowledge held by local community members. IT, if shared with a proponent, can provide valuable information regarding traditional land uses, history of an area, and details on valued ecosystems components in and around the project area.

Working closely with local communities and the QIA and KIA, Bronzite will continue to respectfully request IT regarding the Project area, Somerset Island, and the surrounding marine environments. Bronzite will make every attempt to incorporate IT into operational procedures, project planning, baseline data collection, and environmental management and monitoring.

Bronzite understands that IT is the property of those that hold the knowledge and that some individuals or groups may wish to keep IT confidential, or strictly between Bronzite and the person(s) sharing the IT. Bronzite would be willing to enter into formal information sharing agreements to ensure that confidentiality and respect for the knowledge holders is agreed to and maintained.

6.0 Engagement Outcomes

All engagement, as well as resulting correspondence, materials, and outcomes will be documented in the Bronzite Engagement Log. Updated versions of the Engagement Log will be submitted with major regulatory submissions or can be made available upon request.

6.1 Integration of Engagement

Through the life of the Somerset Trough Project, Bronzite will consider all feedback, including IT, received on the project and make best efforts to incorporate the feedback into corresponding operational procedures, project planning, or relevant monitoring and management plans.

All correspondence will be tracked in the engagement log, with outcomes documented and publicly available for review. Written comments and Bronzite's responses through various regulatory processes will be available through public registries. All recommendations received from communities, agencies, and government departments regarding monitoring and management plans will be considered and incorporated into subsequent versions of the plans. If any feedback or recommendations are not adopted, an explanation will be provided to the interested party that made the recommendation.

6.2 Reporting

Bronzite is required through authorizations such as the Type A land use permit, the NWB Authorization, and IOL land use permit, to provide annual updates on engagement and the incorporation of IT into the project. Bronzite commits to complying with reporting requirements associated with the project's regulatory authorizations, and to be clear and transparent regarding engagement efforts made and outcomes received to support the Project.