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Subject: **Answers to questions and comments dated July 26, 2021 regarding the request for a certificate of non-compliance with site development and sinking of an exploration ramp (Gladiator project)**

Our Ref.: **18-0696-0688**

Your Ref. : **3214-14-065**

Dear Ms. Gagnon

This document contains the answers to your questions and comments relating to the above-mentioned project.

QC-1 During the meeting of June 25, 2021, COMEV was informed that the promoter intended to modify their project in order to use a new storage site (core bank), for its past and future samples, which is located at the old Gladiator campsite. This change was deemed necessary after a recent meeting between the promoter and the tallyman of the trapline directly concerned by this project.

In order to complete the analysis of the file, the promoter must produce a complementary document describing in a precise manner the modifications made to the project since their last correspondence with the Provincial Administrator, in particular those mentioned above if applicable, or any other change. In particular, it must describe the work required by these modifications as well as the environmental and social impacts incurred. Particular attention should be paid to access, wetlands, and restoration work, particularly on the site of the former Gladiator camp.

At the June 8, 2021 consultation meeting with the W25B tallymen (see Appendix A for the minutes of meeting), it was brought to our attention that they wished to retain the area of the former Gladiator camp and the adjacent camp as a First Nation protected area.

Since the tallyman wishes to use this area to set up a camp for a member of his family, the company is committed to removing the drill cores and structures present, and to cleaning up the site while keeping the granular materials in place. As such, no permanent restoration will be carried out and no environmental impact is anticipated during this clean-up. The new drill core storage location will be on the emergency landing area (Refer to the layout Plan in Appendix B).



QC-2 The promoter must specify the nature of the discussions and concerns expressed by the tallyman and how these will be taken into account during the implementation of the project. In addition, the promoter must provide details regarding the development of an access road that would allow the tallyman to access the north of Barry Lake as compensation. The promoter must therefore provide a description of the work required and their impact on the environment.

Before undertaking the necessary development work to meet the water needs of the drilling campaign, the company made sure to consult with the tallymen to address their concerns. Following this consultation (see Appendix A), the company has come to an agreement with them to rehabilitate and use an old road giving access to the north of Lake Barry. This path, which will be used for drilling activities, will also allow tallymen to reuse it for their various activities, and will therefore not be restored.

To rehabilitate this old road, a request for modification of the intervention permit was submitted (see Appendix C) and the reconditioning work was carried out in March 2021, in accordance with applicable regulations. Since this path will be used for the future activities of the tallymen, it will not be restored.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Hamelin", written over a horizontal line.

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APPENDICES

- A. Report of the Tallyman 25WB Consultation of June 8, 2021
- B. Layout Plan – Gladiator Project
- C. Intervention Permit