

EA1516-01

Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project
Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd.

July 13, 2015

To: Distribution List**Re: Notice of referral to environmental assessment, Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project, Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd., EA1516-01**

On July 10th, 2015 Parks Canada referred the Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. Howard's Pass Access Road (HPAR) Upgrade Project to environmental assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). Parks Canada referred the proposed development to environmental assessment pursuant to paragraph 126 (2) (a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* because it determined that the project might have significant impacts on the following environmental components:

- Wildlife species including caribou, Dall's sheep, mountain goats, grizzly bears, black bears and nesting birds;
- Water resources, fish and fish habitat;
- Plant communities, including the introduction of invasive non-native plants and reduced biodiversity;
- Cultural and archaeological resources; and,
- Nahanni and Nààts'ihch'oh National Park Reserves.

The purpose of the project is to expand and upgrade the 79 km long HPAR to a two lane gravel road. The road is located in the southwestern NWT in the Mackenzie Mountains. Two segments of the road are in the Nahanni and Nààts'ihch'oh National Park Reserves, respectively. The road starts at km 188 of the Nahanni Rand Road, near Tungsten, NT and extends to the Yukon Border. The proposed development includes:

- Clearing the right of way;
- Upgrades to bridges and culverts;
- Borrow sources;
- Use of the road to haul lead and zinc concentrate from the mine site; and,
- Use of the road to haul mine consumables such as fuel and milling reagents.

The Review Board has requested that the developer prepare a *Developer's Proposed Terms of Reference* (DPToR) in order to facilitate the scoping phase of this EA. Review Board staff has offered guidance to the developer towards this end. The Review Board will determine both the scope of the development and scope of the assessment and produce a draft Terms of



Reference along with a Work Plan. Please browse the Review Board's website for more information on the [EA process](#).

All documents relevant to the HPAR Upgrade Project EA, including project description and associated applications, will be posted on the [public registry](#), hosted on the Review Board's website. In the interest of an efficient process, the Review Board encourages interested parties to review the documents therein.

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