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## Note to File

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## Re: EA1516-01, Howard's Pass Access Road, project update meeting with Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. and Review Bord staff

On May 21, 2020, Review Board staff met with Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. and its consultants via video conference call. The purpose of the meeting was for Selwyn to provide an update on the Howard's Pass Access Road (HPAR) project and discuss next steps.

## **Meeting participants**

<u>Selwyn Chihong</u> - Maurice Albert, Vice President, Environment and External Affairs; Sukie Kaur Sidhu, Acting Manager, Environmental Services; Sam Wallingham, Manager, Community Affairs. <u>Consultants</u> – Stephen Morison, Manager, Approvals, SRM Consulting Ltd.; Susan Heffner, Manager, Traditional Knowledge and Heritage Resources, Matrix Research Ltd.; Charlotte Mougeot, Project Support, Approvals, SRM Consulting Ltd. <u>Review Board staff</u> – Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Alan Ehrlich, Chuck Hubert

## **Discussion topics**

- Selwyn Chihong introduced the HPAR Project Team with their roles and responsibilities.
- Maurice Albert provided a corporate update for Selwyn Chihong and the HPAR Project which was followed by a consulting team update by Stephen Morison.
- Sukie Kaur Sidhu provided a summary of road maintenance and monitoring programs for HPAR.
- Selwyn Chihong described its ongoing Indigenous community engagement and noted they are asking communities how they want to be engaged going forward.
- 2019 baseline studies included aerial wildlife surveys and hydrological and water/sediment stream sampling at the major stream crossings along HPAR.
- Spring 2020 baseline work included a late-winter ungulate survey, grizzly bear den emergence surveys, and documentation of spring conditions along HPAR including high





stream flows, terrain hazards, avalanches, and limited water quality/sediment sampling at the major stream crossings.

- Selwyn Chihong is working closely with Parks Canada on all environmental baseline surveys including sharing results and monitoring methods.
- In the spirit of collaboration, Selwyn Chihong is encouraged to meet with parties including Indigenous groups to discuss the project prior to submitting its Developer's Assessment Report.
- Selwyn Chihong and the Review Board discussed a meeting with all parties prior to the finalization of the DAR to inform the final submission to the Board.

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