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Via email: ec.eenordrpntno-eanorthpnrnwt.ec@canada.ca

RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA)

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment of Pine Point Mining Limited's proposed zinc and lead mine, located in the vicinity of the historic Pine Point Mine site. The Review Board referred this development to environmental assessment under subsection 126(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Under subsection 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*, the Review Board must notify the competent minister or ministers in writing of the project if it is likely to affect a listed wildlife species or its critical habitat.

Based on the location of the proposed Pine Point Mine Project, the nature of the proposed activities and the developer's submissions to date, the Review Board notes that this development has the potential to affect the following non-aquatic species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (and possibly others that may be determined by Environment and Climate Change Canada):

Endangered or Threatened species:

- Whooping Crane
- Little Brown Myotis
- Northern Myotis
- Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee
- Woodland Caribou (Boreal population)
- Wood Bison
- Bank Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Common Nighthawk
- Olive-sided Flycatcher



Species of Special Concern:

- Wolverine
- Short-eared owl
- Horned Grebe (western population)
- Rusty Blackbird
- Yellow Rail
- Yellow-banded Bumble Bee
- Northern Leopard Frog

During this environmental assessment, the Review Board asks that Environment and Climate Change Canada assist it in determining the likelihood of adverse effects from the proposed project on these species or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

Relevant information about this environmental assessment is on the Review Board's public registry (http://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01).

Please direct any questions to Jeremy Freeman, Environmental Assessment Officer at 867-766-7073 (<u>ifreeman@reviewboard.ca</u>); or to me at 867-766-7052 <u>chubert@reviewboard.ca</u>).

Sincerely,

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