

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Epworth Project

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Emerald Geological Services

PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

This Plan identifies who Emerald Geological Services Ltd. (EGS) communicates with regarding the exploration activities to be carried out on the Epworth Project in Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.

This Plan also details when and how EGS will communicate regarding planning and operations of the program. Key community stakeholders that EGS has engaged with include the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization, Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), Nunavut Water Board (NWB), and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC).

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1. INTRODUCTION

Emerald Geological Services plans to carry out an early-stage exploration program on the Epworth Project (the Project). The Epworth Project is located ~80km south southeast of the community of Kugluktuk. The property is comprised of 526 claim units totaling 8320 hectares. The proposed exploration program will target minerals such as copper, zinc, lead, silver, cobalt, and gold.

The purpose of this document is to describe EGS's approach to stakeholder engagement prior to and throughout the exploration program associated with submissions in Nunavut.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

EGS is responsible for exploration activities carried out on the Epworth Project. EGS's contact information is provided below:

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3. STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

The following were identified as potentially interested parties:

- Government of Canada
 - CanNor;
 - Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
 - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada;
- Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization;
- Nunavut Impact Review Board;
- Nunavut Water Board;

A meeting was held with the Kugluktuk Hunter and Trapper Association in April 2023 prior to submission of an Application to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening.

It is anticipated that interested parties identified during pre-submission and regulatory engagement will remain interested parties during life-of-project engagement.

4. ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE

Pre-submission and regulatory engagement involve implementation of this Plan prior to submission of an application to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), and throughout the regulatory process. The purpose of pre-submission and regulatory stakeholder engagement for the Project is to:

- Identify parties potentially affected by Epworth Project exploration activities;
- Describe the Project rationale and proposed design; and
- Seek to understand affected parties' interests and concerns.

On-going project engagement involves implementation of this Plan at key milestones which may occur throughout Project operations. The purpose of on-going project engagement for the Project is to:

- Re-engage parties potentially affected by changes to Project scope;
- Provide parties with requested or relevant project information in a manner concurrent to that provided either to the NIRB and/or the NWB (i.e. notifications related to unauthorized discharges and annual water licence reporting);
- Describe rationale and nature of the proposed changes; and
- Seek to understand affected parties' interests and concerns.

5. ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Pre-submission and regulatory engagement begins with either emails and/or verbal contact over the phone with interested parties. Where possible, in person meetings are held.

Following initial contact and understanding of parties' desire to engage, ongoing communication can vary between parties and can include phone calls, emails, and letter mail. Triggers for engagement with interested parties are summarized in Table 1.

On-going project engagement typically occurs via email and may include notification and/or inclusion of regulatory filings, depending upon the interest and preferences of the affected parties.

Table 1: Triggers for engagement

| Stage of Project | Stakeholder | Trigger |
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| On-going | Identified stakeholders, other interested parties | submission of an application for licence amendment and/or renewal |
| | | project-related notification |
| | | Submission of report or other supplemental information or materials to the NIRB and/or NWB. |