

rights. The proposed activities are a substantial increase in scope and intensity of mineral exploration activities that could result in potential adverse effects to caribou and caribou habitat. Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene do not have confidence in the effectiveness of the proposed caribou protection measures for the project.

Further, there are few details on the operation, timing and potential locations of the 20-person mobile camp within the project area. Considering the location of the project area within critical caribou habitat, the operation of a 20-person mobile camp in addition to the substantial expansion of Vickers camp raises significant concerns about potential impacts to caribou and caribou habitat.

Also of concern for Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene is the need for greater assessment of the cumulative impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, particularly caribou, from this project proposal. There is potential for cumulative effects on disturbance to caribou from other projects or proposed projects in the Beverly/Qamanirjuaq herds' range. These include:

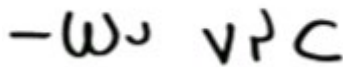
- Cache Zone 2026
- Victory Lake
- Baker Basin Project
- Angilak Property
- Hook Lake
- Nut Lake Project
- Meliadine Mine
- Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link Project
- Aberdeen Lake-Pelly Lake Overland Haul
- Ferguson Lake Project
- North Thelon Joint Venture
- Schultz Lake Campsite and Exploration
- Turqavik Aberdeen Project
- Marce Claims Exploration
- Huckleberry Claim
- Tagak
- Tugak Gold Project
- Witch Lake Claim Staking
- Meadowbank Mine's Complex
- Nunavut Uranium Project
- Thelon Property
- Turquetil-Esker Drilling Program
- Yath Property

Potential long-term adverse irreversible cumulative effects are possible from increased stress to caribou and impacts to caribou habitat. There does not appear to be an effective framework for the identification and assessment of cumulative impacts to caribou that could result from the impacts of the proposed activities combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out within the Beverly/Qamanirjuaq herds' range in Nunavut.

Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene submit that the activities described in the Whale Cove Project Camp and Regional Exploration Expansion project proposal may result in significant adverse impacts on the ecosystem, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and harvesting activities of Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene and other Indigenous peoples, as well as other potential socio-economic effects on Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene.

Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene have significant concerns related to the proposed activities, particularly on the potential impacts to caribou and their habitat. Also of concern for Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene is the need for greater assessment of the cumulative impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, particularly caribou, from this project proposal. As noted above, caribou are critical to our well-being, way of life and the exercise of our rights. On this basis, Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene do not support the Whale Cove Project Camp and Regional Exploration Expansion project proposal.

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