



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Viridis Mining and Minerals “South Kitikmeot Gold Project” Project Proposal



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Keith Morrison
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Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Viridis Mining and Minerals “South Kitikmeot Gold Project” Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On December 8, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Viridis Mining and Minerals “South Kitikmeot Gold Project” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Waste Management: Grey Water Sump Treatment

The Environment and Heritage Resources Protection Plan, section 4.1.3 Waste Management indicates that “Grey water sumps are periodically dosed with bleach or lye to reduce odours and attractants”.

CIRNAC notes that this sump treatment method may require confirmation with the Nunavut Water Board to ensure appropriate measures are used for sump treatment.

CIRNAC #2: Trenching and Pitting Activities and Locations

The Proponent indicates that exploration activities may at some point include trenching and test pitting activities, but does not clarify any potential mitigation measures specific to trenching and pitting activities. CIRNAC understands that trenching and pitting activities may be expanded on when applying for bulk sampling permits.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent ensure no trenching or pitting occurs within thirty-one (31) metres of the highwater mark of any water body.



CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the relevant interested Indigenous peoples and organizations. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of traditional knowledge into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for northern community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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