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**Denendeh Exploration and Mining Company Limited (DEMCo)
Land Use Permit S25C-001**

Pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, the Sahtú Land and Water Board grants this Land Use Permit to:

Denendeh Exploration and Mining Company Limited (DEMCo)
(Permittee)

#401, 4504-49th Avenue, Denendeh Manor, Yellowknife NT K1A 2A1
(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Permittee, to proceed with the following land-use operation, subject to the annexed definitions and conditions contained therein:

Location:	Camsell River, Southeast Great Bear Lake, Sahtú Settlement Area
Purpose:	Mining Exploration
Type:	Type A
Effective Date:	March 10, 2025
Expiry Date:	March 09, 2030

**Valerie Gordon, Chair
Sahtú Land and Water Board**

Natalie Lippa, Witness

Conditions Annexed to and Forming Part of Land Use Permit # S25C-001

Part A: Scope of Permit

1. This Permit entitles the Permittee to conduct the following land-use operation:
 - a) operation and use of heavy equipment
 - b) storage of fuel
 - c) use of a campsite
 - d) soil and rock sampling (prospecting)
 - e) geophysical surveying
 - f) geochemical surveys
 - g) borehole drilling
2. This Permit is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the use of land for the activities and area identified in Part A, item 1 of this Permit.
3. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not excuse the Permittee from its obligation to comply with the requirements of any applicable Federal, Territorial, Deline, or Municipal laws.

Part B: Definitions (defined terms are capitalized throughout the Permit)

Act - the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Archaeological Impact Assessment - archaeological research as defined by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre *Guidelines for Developers for the Protection of Archaeological Sites in the Northwest Territories*.

Archaeological Overview - a study of archaeological sites as defined by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre *Guidelines for Developers for the Protection of Archaeological Sites in the Northwest Territories*.

Board - the Sahtú Land and Water Board established under Part 3 of the Act.

Borehole - a hole that is made in the surface of the ground by drilling or boring.

Closure and Reclamation - the process and activities that facilitate the return of areas affected by the Project to viable and, wherever practicable, self-sustaining ecosystems that are compatible with a healthy environment, human activities, and the surrounding environment.

Durable Land - land that is able to withstand repeated use, such as gravel or sand with minimal vegetative cover.

Engagement Plan - a document, developed in accordance with the Board's *Engagement and Consultation Policy* and the *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use*

Permits, that clearly describes how, when, and which engagement activities will occur with an affected party during the life of the project.

Fuel Storage Container - a container for the storage of petroleum or allied petroleum products with a capacity of less than 230 litres.

Greywater - all liquid wastes from showers, baths, sinks, kitchens, and domestic washing facilities but not including toilet wastes.

Habitat - the area or type of site where a species or an individual of a species of wildlife naturally occurs or on which it depends, directly or indirectly, to carry out its life processes.

Inspector - an Inspector designated by the Minister under the Act.

Minister - the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada or the Minister of the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Lands, as the case may be.

Ordinary High-Water Mark - the usual or average level to which a body of water rises at its highest point and remains for sufficient time so as to change the characteristics of the land. In flowing waters (rivers, streams) this refers to the “active channel/bank-full level” which is often the 1:2 year flood flow return level. In inland lakes, wetlands, or marine environments, it refers to those parts of the Watercourse bed and banks that are frequently flooded by water so as to leave a mark on the land and where the natural vegetation changes from predominately aquatic vegetation to terrestrial vegetation (excepting water tolerant species). For reservoirs, this refers to normal high operating levels (full supply level).

Permittee - the holder of this permit.

Permafrost - ground (soil or rock) that remains at or below 0°C for at least two consecutive years.

Professional Engineer - a person registered with the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists to practice as a Professional Engineer in the Northwest Territories as per the territorial *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, and whose professional field of specialization is appropriate to address the components of the Project at hand.

Progressive Reclamation - Closure and Reclamation activities conducted during the operating phase of the project.

Secondary Containment - containment that prevents liquids that leak from Fuel Storage Tanks or containers from reaching outside the containment area and includes double-walled Tanks, piping, liners, and impermeable barriers.

Sewage - all toilet wastes and Greywater.

Spill Contingency Plan - a document, developed in accordance with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada’s *Guidelines for Spill Contingency Planning* that describes the set of procedures to be implemented to minimize the effects of a spill.

Sump - a human-made pit or natural depression in the earth's surface used for the purpose of depositing Waste that does not contain Toxic Material, such as non-toxic Drilling Waste or Sewage, therein.

Waste - any garbage, debris, chemical, or Toxic Material to be used, stored, disposed of, or handled on land, and also as defined in section 51 of the Act.

Waste Management Plan - a document, developed in accordance with the Board's Guidelines for Developing a Waste Management Plan, that describes the methods of Waste management from Waste generation to final disposal.

Watercourse - a natural body of flowing or standing water or an area occupied by water during part of the year, and includes streams, springs, swamps and gulches but does not include groundwater.

Part C: Conditions Applying to All Activities (headings correspond to subsection 26(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations)

	Condition	Category
	26(1)(a) Location and Area	
1.	The Permittee shall only conduct this land-use operation on lands designated in the application.	LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES
2.	The Permittee shall locate all camps on Durable Land or previously cleared areas, and a minimum of 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark.	CAMP SETBACK
3.	The Permittee shall not construct parallel lines or roads, unless an existing line or road cannot be used.	PARALLEL ROADS
4.	The Permittee shall confine the width of the right-of-way to a maximum of 10 metres.	WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY
5.	Prior to the commencement of drilling, the Permittee shall submit the target areas and final drill hole locations on a 1:50,000-scale map with coordinates and map datum to the Board and an Inspector.	DRILL LOCATIONS
	26(1)(b) Time	
6.	At least 48 hours prior to the initial commencement of the land-use operation, the Permittee's Field Supervisor shall notify the Board and contact a GNWT Inspector at (867) 587-3532, and a CIRNAC Inspector at (867) 669-2442.	INITIAL NOTIFICATION – CONTACT INSPECTOR
7.	At least 48 hours prior to commencement of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall provide the following information, in writing, to the Board and an Inspector: a) the name(s) of the person(s) in charge of the field operation; b) alternates; and c) all methods for contacting the above person(s).	IDENTIFY AGENT
8.	At least ten days prior to the completion of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall advise an Inspector of: a) the plan for removal or storage of equipment and materials; b) when final cleanup and reclamation of the land used will be completed; and c) when the Final Plan will be submitted.	REPORTS BEFORE FINAL REMOVAL

	26(1)(c) Type and Size of Equipment	
9.	The Permittee shall only use equipment of a similar type, size, and number to that listed in the complete application.	USE APPROVED EQUIPMENT
10.	The Permittee shall use portable ramps during loading or unloading of ships or barges.	PORTABLE RAMPS
11.	The Permittee shall maintain fire-fighting equipment at the site.	FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT
	26(1)(d) Methods and Techniques	
12.	The Permittee shall Dogleg lines, trails and right-of-ways that approach Watercourses or public roads.	DOGLEG APPROACHES
13.	The Permittee shall meander any new cut lines to a maximum sight line of 200 metres.	MEANDER LINES
14.	Immediately upon completion of operations at each Borehole, the Permittee shall remove or cut off and seal each drill casing at ground level.	MINERAL EXPLORATION DRILL CASINGS

15.	The Permittee shall remove all wire from the land as the land-use operation progresses.	REMOVE WIRE
16.	The Permittee shall construct and maintain the overland portion of winter roads with a minimum of 10 cm of packed snow and/or ice at all times during this land-use operation.	WINTER ROADS
17.	The Permittee shall not erect camps or store material, other than that required for immediate use, on the ice surface of a Watercourse.	STORAGE ON ICE
18.	Prior to the expiry end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall replace all excavated material, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.	EXCAVATED MATERIAL TEST PITS
	26(1)(e) Type, Location, Capacity, and Operation of All Facilities	
19.	The Permittee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean at all times.	CLEAN WORK AREA
20.	The Permittee shall record GPS locations of all geophysical survey lines and provide this information to the Board and an Inspector as part of any amendment or Final Plan requirements.	GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY DATA

	26(1)(f) Control or Prevention of Ponding of Water, Flooding, Erosion, Slides, and Subsidence of Land	
21.	The Permittee shall insulate the ground surface beneath all structures associated with this land-use operation to prevent: a) any vegetation present from being removed; b) the melting of Permafrost; and c) the ground settling and/or eroding.	PERMAFROST PROTECTION
22.	The land-use operation shall not cause obstruction to any natural drainage.	NATURAL DRAINAGE
23.	The Permittee shall install and maintain suitable erosion control structures as the land-use operation progresses.	PROGRESSIVE EROSION CONTROL
24.	The Permittee shall apply appropriate mitigation at the first sign of erosion.	REPAIR EROSION
25.	The Permittee shall only conduct off-road vehicle travel on snow-covered surfaces.	OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TRAVEL
26.	The Permittee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to prevent rutting or gouging of the ground surface.	PREVENTION OF RUTTING
27.	The Permittee shall suspend overland travel of equipment or vehicles at the first sign of rutting or gouging.	SUSPEND OVERLAND TRAVEL
28.	The Permittee shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging.	VEHICLE MOVEMENT FREEZE-UP
29.	The Permittee shall-only use clean water and snow in the construction of ice bridges and snow fills.	CONSTRUCT ICE BRIDGES SNOWFILLS
30.	Prior to Spring Break-up or completion of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall clean up and either remove or v-notch all ice bridges and snowfills from stream crossings, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.	REMOVE ICE BRIDGES/ SNOWFILLS
31.	The Permittee shall not cut any stream bank, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.	STREAM BANKS
32.	The Permittee shall use temporary bridges or dry fording when crossing streams.	DRY FORDING

33.	The Permittee shall not remove vegetation or operate heavy equipment within 100 metres of the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse.	EQUIPMENT: WATERCOURSE BUFFER
	26(1)(g) Use, Storage, Handling, and Ultimate Disposal of Any Chemical or Toxic Material	
34.	The Permittee shall dispose of all combustible Waste petroleum products by removal to an approved disposal facility.	WASTE PETROLEUM DISPOSAL
35.	The Permittee shall provide written notification to the Board and Inspector a minimum of 10 days prior to the initial deposit of Waste, demonstrating that the licenced disposal facility has agreed to accept the Waste and has the capacity to receive the volumes of Waste requested.	NOTIFICATION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
	26(1)(h) Wildlife and Fish Habitat	
36.	The Permittee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent damage to wildlife and fish Habitat during this land-use operation.	HABITAT DAMAGE
	26(1)(i) Storage, Handling, and Disposal of Refuse or Sewage	
37.	The Permittee shall dispose of all Waste as described in the Waste Management Plan , once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations, technology, chemicals, or fuels, or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
38.	The Permittee shall keep all garbage and debris in a secure container until disposal.	GARBAGE CONTAINER
39.	The Permittee shall dispose of all Sewage and Greywater into a Sump at least 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse.	SEWAGE DISPOSAL – SUMP SETBACK
40.	The Permittee shall dispose of all Sewage and Greywater as described in the approved Waste Management Plan.	SEWAGE DISPOSAL - PLAN
	26(1)(j) Protection of Historical, Archaeological, and Burial Sites	
41.	Prior to the commencement of any new land disturbance, including new drill sites, the Permittee shall conduct an Archaeological Overview to identify areas of high and low potential for	ARCHAEOLOGICAL OVERVIEW

	archaeological and burial sites and shall submit a summary report to the Board and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.	
42.	The Permittee shall not operate any vehicle or equipment within 150 metres of a known or suspected historical or archaeological site or burial ground.	ARCHAEOLOGICAL BUFFER
43.	The Permittee shall not knowingly remove, disturb, or displace any archaeological specimen or site.	SITE DISTURBANCE
44.	The Permittee shall, where a suspected archaeological or historical site, or burial ground is discovered: a) immediately suspend operations on the site; and b) notify the Board at (867) 598-2325 or GNWT Inspector at (867) 587-3532 (if on NT Lease), and a CIRNAC Inspector (if on Federal Land) at (867) 669-2442. and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre at 767-9347 ext. 71251 or ext. 71255.	SITE DISCOVERY AND NOTIFICATION
45.	Prior to disturbance in areas of high potential for archaeological or burial sites identified in the Archaeological Overview, the Permittee shall conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment of the sites where disturbance is planned and shall submit a summary report to the Board and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.	AIA – HIGH POTENTIAL
46.	Prior to any new land disturbance, the Permittee shall conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment of the sites where disturbance is planned and shall submit a summary report to the Board and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.	AIA
	26(1)(k) Objects and Places of Recreational, Scenic, and Ecological Value	
	26(1)(l) Security Deposit	
47.	Prior to the commencement of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall deposit with the Federal Minister a security deposit in the amount of \$33,431.25	SECURITY DEPOSIT
48.	All costs to remediate the area under this Permit are the responsibility of the Permittee.	RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMEDIATION COSTS
	26(1)(m) Fuel Storage	
49.	The Permittee shall: a) examine all Fuel Storage Containers and Tank for leaks; and	REPAIR LEAKS

	b) repair all leaks immediately.	
50.	The Permittee shall place Fuel Storage Containers and or Tanks a minimum of 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.	FUEL STORAGE SETBACK
51.	The Permittee shall ensure that all fuel caches have adequate Secondary Containment.	FUEL CACHE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT
52.	The Permittee shall set up all refueling points with Secondary Containment.	SECONDARY CONTAINMENT - REFUELING
53.	The Permittee shall not allow petroleum products to spread to surrounding lands or Watercourses.	FUEL CONTAINMENT
54.	The Permittee shall mark all Fuel Storage Containers and Tanks with the Permittee's name.	MARK CONTAINERS AND TANKS
55.	The Permittee shall have a maximum of 8,200 litres of diesel, 2,050 litres of gasoline, and 10,250 litres of aviation fuel for a total of 20,500 litres, unless otherwise approved by the Board.	MAXIMUM FUEL ON SITE
56.	Within ten days of the establishment of any fuel cache, the Permittee shall report the location and quantity of the cache in writing to the Board and an Inspector.	REPORT FUEL LOCATION
57.	The Permittee shall seal all outlets of Fuel Storage Containers and store the containers on their sides with the outlets located at 3 and 9 o'clock, except for containers currently in use.	SEAL OUTLET
58.	The Permittee shall comply with the Spill Contingency Plan , once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations, technology, chemicals, or fuels, or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.	SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN
59.	Prior to commencement of the land-use operation the Permittee shall ensure that spill-response equipment is in place to respond to any potential spills.	SPILL RESPONSE
60.	All equipment that may be parked for two hours or more, shall have a hazmat/drip tray under it or be sufficiently diapered. Leaky equipment shall be repaired immediately.	DRIP TRAYS
61.	The Permittee shall clean up all leaks, spills, and contaminated material immediately	CLEAN UP SPILLS

62.	<p>During the period of this Permit, if a spill occurs or is foreseeable, the Permittee shall:</p> <p>a) implement the approved Spill Contingency Plan;</p> <p>b) report it-immediately using the NU-NT Spill Report Form by one of the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone: (867) 920-8130 • Fax: (867) 873-6924 • E-mail: spills@gov.nt.ca • <u>Online: Spill Reporting and Tracking Database</u> <p>c) within 24 hours, notify the Board and an Inspector; and</p> <p>d) within 30 days of initially reporting the incident, submit a detailed report to the Board and an Inspector, including descriptions of causes, response actions, and any changes to procedures to prevent similar occurrences in the future. Any updates to this report shall be provided to the Board and an Inspector in writing as changes occur.</p>	REPORT SPILLS
	26(1)(n) Methods and Techniques for Debris and Brush Disposal	
63.	The Permittee shall progressively dispose of all brush and trees; all disposal shall be completed prior to the end of this land use operation	BRUSH DISPOSAL/ TIME
64.	The Permittee shall not clear areas larger than identified in the complete application.	MINIMIZE AREA CLEARED
65.	The Permittee shall not use any self-propelled machinery for clearing the brush.	HAND CREWS ONLY
	26(1)(o) Restoration of the Lands	
66.	Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall complete all cleanup and restoration of the lands used in accordance with the Closure and Reclamation Plan as approved by the Board.	FINAL CLEANUP AND RESTORATION - CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION PLAN
67.	Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to facilitate natural revegetation.	NATURAL VEGETATION
68.	Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall initiate active revegetation of disturbed areas.	ACTIVE REVEGETATION
69.	The Permittee shall carry out Progressive Reclamation of disturbed areas as soon as it is practical to do so.	PROGRESSIVE RECLAMATION

70.	Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall restore any trails impacted by the land-use operation by removing fallen trees and any other obstructions from the trails.	TRAILS RESTORATION
	26(1)(p) Display of Permits and Permit Numbers	
71.	The Permittee shall display a copy of this Permit in each campsite established to carry out this land-use operation.	DISPLAY PERMIT
	26(1)(q) Biological and Physical Protection of the Land	
72.	If nesting areas are encountered during the course of operations, the Permittee shall minimize all activity so as to not disturb them.	MIGRATORY BIRD NEST DISTURBANCE
73.	The Permittee shall comply with the Wildlife, Archeology, and Environmental Management Plan , and any revisions made to the Plan to reflect changes in operations.	WILDLIFE, ARCHEOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
74.	The Permittee shall comply with the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan , and any revisions made to the Plan to reflect changes in operations.	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN
75.	The Permittee shall comply with the Engagement Plan , once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.	ENGAGEMENT PLAN
76.	If any plan is not approved by the Board, the Permittee shall revise the plan according to the Board's direction and re-submit it to the Board for approval.	RESUBMIT PLAN
77.	All revised plans submitted to the Board shall include a brief summary of the changes made to the plan.	SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Attachments

Attachment A – Concordance Table of Items Requiring Submission

The table below summarizes the items the Permittee is required to submit as per the Permit conditions. In the event of a discrepancy between this table and the Permit conditions, the Permit conditions shall prevail.

Permit Condition Location	Item	Date
#37	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
#58	SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
#75	ENGAGEMENT PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
#66	CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
#73	WILDLIFE, ARCHEOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations.
#74	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN	Annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations.

Attachment B – Revision History Table

The table below summarizes revisions made to the Permit since its effective date (as set out on the Cover Page).

Date	Location of Change	Description of Change
[issuance date of updated or amended Permit]	[Part(s) and/or Condition(s) of Permit]	