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Uploaded via Online Review System (File Submission for RTECI – CopperCap Project)

Subject: Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc. (RTECI): CopperCap Project – Land Use Permit Application

April 21st, 2026

To whom it may concern,

Attached is an application package for a Type A Land Use Permit on behalf of Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc., (RTECI) to conduct mineral exploration for the Coppercap Project, located approximately 160km from Tulita and Norman Wells within the Mackenzie Mountains.

Geographic Information System:

Minimum latitude:	63.66264	Maximum latitude:	64.49907
Minimum longitude:	126.99986	Maximum longitude:	129.25093

NTS Map Sheet No.:

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The Project will include aerial and ground-based surveys, sampling, staking and group prospecting and geological mapping. Fieldwork is to be undertaken during the summer months when snow conditions permit. All activities will be helicopter supported. Timing of the work will be contained within the period of June 15th to August 31st. Overall season length may vary, but it is anticipated the length of the yearly program(s) will be 8-10 weeks. Several options for the camp are proposed with the preferred option setup camp adjacent to existing infrastructure (sleep cabins, kitchen, toilet facilities) from nearby outfitters and use lightweight single occupancy tents (akin to backpacking tents) to expand capacity for a maximum camp capacity of 14 personnel. The temporary camp materials and infrastructure will be removed in the off-season.

The application package includes the following:

- A. Cover Letter (this document)
- B. Land Use Permit Application Form, including Project Description (*Sections 8 & 9*) and:
 - Closure and Reclamation Plan (*Section 18*)
 - Summary of Project Impacts and Mitigations (*Section 17*)
 - Security Estimate (*Section 19*)
- C. Proof of Eligibility (Prospecting Permits)
- D. Table outlining Conformity with the Sahtú Land Use Plan
- E. Engagement Plan, including:
 - Engagement Summary (*Engagement Plan, Appendix 1, a.*)
 - Engagement Record, including:
 - Detailed Engagement Log (*Engagement Plan, Appendix 1, b.*)
 - Stakeholder Contact List (*Engagement Plan, Appendix 1, b. p. 15*)
- F. Waste Management Plan – Correspondence with facilities in Normal Wells is included.
- G. Spill Contingency Plan
- H. Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan
- I. Other land users/Outfitter Engagement Record
- J. GIS Shapefiles and Maps
- K. Application Fees (which are being mailed to the MVLWB)
- L. Security Closure Costs - Estimate

Please note that the Certificate of Registration is pending as application and payment have been processed and we are awaiting confirmation of registration from the corporate registry office.

We hope to initiate the Project by July 24th, 2026. Should any additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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