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To all Parties,

Re: Information Requests Resulting from Kwetjjaà (Rayrock) Remediation Project Technical Session – Type A Water Licence Amendment (W2020L8-0003)

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) would like to thank all Parties who participated in the Technical Session to discuss Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division's (CIRNAC-CARD) Type A Water Licence Amendment Application (W2020L8-0003). The session was beneficial in helping to identify and clarify issues raised by Parties and has contributed to a better understanding of the information on the record.

There were several requests for specific information made by Parties during the Technical Session. In an effort to ensure that sufficient evidence is on the record so Parties can make comprehensive submissions to the Board and allow the Board to make an informed decision, the WLWB is requesting the following information from the identified Parties no later than November 6, 2024.

The following Information Requests #1-4 are being issued to CIRNAC-CARD:

IR #1 to CIRNAC-CARD: CIRNAC-CARD to outline the closure activities, closure objectives, and closure criteria that would apply to the Secondary Containment Structure.

IR #2 to CIRNAC-CARD: CIRNAC-CARD to confirm its commitment to have a 100 m area around the Secondary Containment Structure for sourcing any borrow material from the BA-01 area. Outline any other considerations that will be in place/measures that will be taken to avoid compromising the structure/function of the Secondary Containment Structure while sourcing borrow material in the area.

IR #3 to CIRNAC-CARD: The Scope of the Licence is covered by Part A, Condition 1. The construction, operation, and maintenance of this Secondary Containment Structure and the deposit of waste to the structure is not currently included in the scope. CIRNAC-CARD to propose wording to include the Secondary Containment Structure in the Scope of the Licence.

IR #4 to CIRNAC-CARD: CIRNAC-CARD to provide the following:

(a) Discuss the feasibility of including a temporal limit to discharge from Mill Lake Treatment Facility as a Licence condition or as a requirement in the Waste Management Plan.

(b) If CIRNAC-CARD determines a temporal limit is feasible, provide a proposed Licence condition or information to be provided in the Waste Management Plan, as appropriate.

(c) If CIRNAC-CARD determines that a temporal limit is not feasible, what other measures or monitoring could CIRNAC-CARD implement to verify that TSS concentrations remain protective in the receiving environment and to allow adaptive responses if required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Fequet', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ryan Fequet,
Executive Director, WLWB

BCC to: Kwetjɔ̀aà (Rayrock) Distribution List