

Statement of Completion for a Category B Project

Class Environmental Assessment for Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act

Onion Lake West Bulk Sampling Project

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has completed its assessment on the applicant's proposal to test mineral content for the Onion Lake project. The applicant plans to remove ~700 tonnes of white pegmatite from three test sites to assess the marketability of the material as a dimension stone.

The Category B screening, consultation and project review was carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for MNDM's Activities under the Mining Act* (Class EA).

No negative comments were received from agencies, the general public or Aboriginal groups. Fort William First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band, Thunder Bay Métis Council and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation expressed no concerns regarding the project and asked for continued communication as the project proceeds.

The area has been previously disturbed by timber harvesting operations and mineral exploration with stripping of bedrock and sampling under early exploration permit PR-15-10657a. If the project does not proceed to production, the applicant will rehabilitate the site to the standards of O. Reg. 240/00; if it does proceed to production, standards from the *Aggregate Resources Act* will apply.

MNDM will implement the disposition as planned.

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