

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

PAK Rare Metals (Permission to Test Mineral Content)

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has completed its assessment on the applicant's proposal to extract up to 1,000 tonnes of rock material for the purpose of testing the rock properties for potential applications in the technical grade silica and lithium markets.

The proposal included:

- stripping any overburden off of the bedrock, which is currently exposed;
- drilling and sampling vertical boreholes; and
- blasting, excavating and hauling the rock material to a crushing facility.

The proposal included access to the site by water and ice bridges from an existing ice road off of Duckling Lake.

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).

North Spirit Lake First Nation raised concerns over the location of the proposed access trail through Duckling Lake swamp as that would potentially impact cultural values. The applicant agreed to relocate the access trail to the west of the property, off the winter road, through flat, previously burnt areas. Deer Lake and North Spirit Lake assessed this proposed corridor and are satisfied that the trail will not impact any known cultural values.

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