

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

Tease Lake White Granite Bulk Sample Project

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has completed its assessment on the applicant's proposal to test mineral content for the Tease Lake White Granite project. The applicant plans to remove <1,000 tonnes of white granite from two 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).

The notice was distributed to relevant agencies and Aboriginal groups (Red Rock Indian Band, Fort William First Nation, Thunder Bay Métis Council-MNO and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation). It was also posted as an Information Notice on the Environmental Registry and on MNDM's Class EA web page. All of the Aboriginal Groups expressed support for 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-14-10510. 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.

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