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**Subject: Outcome of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review of the October 18, 2024 Responses to Information Requests for the proposed Wheeler River Project**

Dear Ms. England,

On October 18, 2024, Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) submitted revised responses to Information Requests (IRs), including Appendix A with supporting information, and Advice to the Proponent comments for the proposed Wheeler River Project [1-2]. On October 30, 2024, CNSC staff found the submission to contain the required information to proceed with the Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT) technical review [3].

### **Extended Review Period**

CNSC staff aimed to complete the FIRT's initial review of Denison's responses to IRs by November 15, 2024. At the request of CNSC, Denison submitted additional information to CNSC staff on October 30<sup>th</sup> [4], November 13<sup>th</sup> [5] and again on November 19<sup>th</sup> [6] to resolve these IRs. For transparency purposes, these submissions will be posted to the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#).

### **Outcome of the EIS Technical Review**

Following the technical review, the FIRT has found that the information provided by Denison addresses the regulatory requirements for the environmental assessment (EA). All responses to IRs are now deemed accepted. A table with the status of the FIRT's review of IRs is provided in Annex 1[7].

### **Expectations and Next Steps**

On November 21, 2024 or shortly thereafter, CNSC staff will post these review results as well as the additional information submitted by Denison on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the proposed [Wheeler River Project \(Reference number: 80178\)](#).

CNSC staff expect Denison to submit a Final EIS package, including updated technical support documents, as well as an updated Commitments Report and an updated Indigenous Engagement Report (IER). Once received, the submission will undergo a 30-day review by CNSC staff to ensure all documents have been updated accordingly.

During this time, CNSC staff will also review the responses to comments from Indigenous Nations and communities and members of the public, to ensure these have been addressed in an acceptable manner. If any of Denison's responses to these comments have changed since the July 2024 submission [8], Denison is expected to submit revised tables that reflect these revisions in track changes, along with the final EIS package. CNSC staff will review the responses provided in the comment tables to ensure they are consistent with the accepted responses to IRs.

If CNSC staff deem Denison's Final EIS submission as acceptable, staff will notify Denison that the EIS has been accepted as Final and that CNSC staff will draft the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) EA Report summarizing the results of the technical review and staff's recommendations to the Commission.

Please note, and as previously mentioned, both the Commitments Report and IER are evergreen documents that should continue to be updated over the remainder of the regulatory review process, and, after the public hearings and Commission decisions, if the project is approved.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, directly by phone at 343-540-6213 or by email at [Jessica.Way@cnsccsn.cg.ca](mailto:Jessica.Way@cnsccsn.cg.ca).

Sincerely,

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**References:**

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- [2] Email, B. England (Denison) to J. Way (CNSC), *Advice to Proponent Table-Wheeler River EA Submission #5*, October 24, 2024 ([e-Doc 7395132](#))
- [3] Letter, J. Way (CNSC) to B. England (Denison), *Outcome of CNSC Staff Completeness Check of the October 18, 2024 Responses to Federal-Indigenous Review Team Information Requests for the Wheeler River Project*, October 30, 2024 ([e-Doc 7386982](#))
- [4] Email, B. England (Denison) to J. Way (CNSC), *Memo: Omnia Ecological Services, Denison Wheeler River 2024 Replicate Bat Surveys*, October 30, 2024 ([e-Doc 7410703](#))
- [5] Email, J. Switzer (Denison) to N. Kwamena (CNSC), *Wheeler River EIS - clarification for Round 4 - IR 114 and 174*, November 13, 2024 ([e-Doc 7410705](#))
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- [7] Annex 6, Federal and Indigenous Review Team, *Wheeler River Project – Information Requests – Submission #4*, November 20, 2024 (e-doc [7389398](#))
- [8] Letter, J. Switzer (Denison) to J. Way (CNSC), *Denison's Completion of Responses to the Consolidated Comments from Indigenous Nations and Communities and the Public Comments*, July 17, 2024 (e-doc [7325554](#))