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The preliminary review of the Environment Act Proposal for the above project has been completed. Seven public comments and numerous comments from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were received on the Proposal. Copies of all public comments received are attached for your information. TAC comments will be sent separately due to size limitations on e-mail attachments. Items of particular interest for follow-up are noted below. All comments are also being placed on all public registries for the project.

Additional Information Request

Additional information is requested to address several public and TAC comments on the project. While the Environmental Impact Assessment Report indicates that many mitigation items will be addressed in Environmental Protection Plans (EPPs), further information on several areas of mitigation is needed to complete the environmental assessment process. In addition to the information requested below, it will be required that a complete construction phase EPP be submitted and approved prior to the commencement of construction of the project.

1. Alternative locations – the Environmental Impact Assessment report provides a short description of project alternatives and site selection criteria (sections 2.3 and 4.1.2). Additional information on the site selection process and the role of public comments during the process would be helpful. Did the proposed site within Whiteshell Provincial Park offer unique advantages (or disadvantages) in comparison to alternative sites outside of the park?
2. Additional discussion should be provided respecting measures to ensure safety in the beach/swimming areas in view of river currents.
3. Blasting/rock excavation – please detail measures intended to mitigate rock excavation effects with respect to noise and vibration. Clarification should be provided concerning the location of the “no blasting” zone adjacent to the water treatment plant location.
4. Please elaborate on measures to be followed to mitigate the effect of construction on nesting birds, including eagles, and terrestrial fauna, including northern leopard frogs.
5. A pre-construction rare plant survey of vegetated areas affected by construction of the project is needed. Mitigation plans to address effects on any rare or endangered species will be required to accompany the survey. This item can be addressed as a licence condition, but no construction would be allowed until the survey is completed and approved.
6. Beach construction – beach construction details should be provided, including any anticipated clearing, bank reshaping, excavation and fill and sand placement. Material sources should be provided if known or anticipated, and cross sectional drawings should be included.
7. Light effects – detailed measures to mitigate the night lighting effects of the project should be explained.
8. Wastewater treatment – will grease from the kitchen be removed at source? What volumes of sludge will be generated and where will the sludge be disposed of? Further discussion is needed concerning the sizing of the sludge and settling tanks and dosing volumes and frequencies for the nine disposal field cells. Specifications for

the sand to be used in the disposal field should be provided. What measures will be taken to ensure operation of the treatment and disposal system during cold weather conditions?

9. Solid waste – where will solid waste from the facility be disposed of? How and how often will solid waste be removed from the facility?
10. Transport Canada has requested that an application be made to the Navigable Waters Protection Program to provide information pertinent to that program. Application information will be forwarded separately.
11. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be seeking additional information separately at a later date.

Information/Follow-up

The following items are identified for your information and consideration. Responses are not required for these items.

Rural Municipality of Whitemouth: The RM has expressed interest in making its water and wastewater infrastructure available to the camp.

Parks and Natural Areas Branch: The project requires a lease from the Branch. Comments from the Branch outline requirements that will be addressed in the lease, including revegetation and landscaping, clearing, and shoreline alterations. These items may also be addressed through Environment Act Licence requirements. These Manitoba Conservation approvals would be issued in a coordinated manner.

Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch: A number of suggestions are provided respecting mitigation measures. These measures should be incorporated in information requested above.

Manitoba Water Stewardship: Several regulatory requirements have been identified by Manitoba Water Stewardship. In particular, a Water Rights Licence to Construct Water Control Works, a Water Rights Licence to use groundwater, and drinking water requirements through the Office of Drinking Water are needed. It is also noted that the facility is subject to the Water Power Act and regulations. More specific advice on Crown Land permit requirements will be provided by the Parks and Natural Areas Branch during the park lease development process.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation: requirements for the access connection to Provincial Road 307 are provided.

Please contact me if more information or clarification is needed on the above items.

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