

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT S.B.C. 2018, c.51
(ACT)
AND
NON-COMPLIANCES
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE M15-01
ORDER UNDER SECTION 53(1)(b)**

WHEREAS:

- A. The Brucejack Mine Project (Project) is a reviewable project under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act).
- B. Environmental Assessment Certificate M15-01 issued to Pretium Resources Inc. (Certificate Holder) for the Project has requirements in Conditions 1 of the Table of Conditions (Schedule B of the Certificate) with respect to the implementation of a Wildlife Management Plan. The Wildlife Management Plan requires that the Certificate Holder implement mitigations to prevent or reduce the potential for human-bear conflict on the Project.
- C. On December 9, 2016, in response to non-compliance with Condition 1 with respect to the management of attractants required by the Wildlife Management Plan, the Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement Branch (EAO CEB) issued an Order under the Act that requires the Certificate Holder to, for the life of the Project, secure, dispose of, remove, or otherwise manage all wildlife attractants in a manner that prevents the attraction of wildlife and/or access to attractants by wildlife.
- D. On January 9, 2019, in response to non-compliance with Condition 1 with respect to a requirement to install electric fencing around camp facilities in the event of wildlife conflict occurring at Project facilities, EAO CEB issued an Order under the Act that requires the Certificate Holder to install electric fencing around all camp facilities associated with the Project between April 1 and November 15 each year for as long as the camp facilities contain wildlife attractants. On June 27, 2019, this Order was rescinded and replaced by Order EN2019-001, to exclude the camp facilities at the location of the underground mine and plant site.
- E. On June 18, 2023, EAO CEB was contacted by the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service regarding a human-wildlife incident at the Project's Knipple Camp between June 10 and June 13, 2023, involving an adult grizzly bear. Contrary to Order EN2019-001, the Knipple Camp was not enclosed by electric fencing at the time of the incident and the bear was noted to have accessed food waste at that location that was not managed in compliance with the December 19, 2016 Order specific to wildlife attractant management.

- F. Section 53(1)(b) of the Act specifies that the Chief Executive Assessment Officer may order the Certificate Holder to carry out measures to mitigate the effects of non-compliance.
- G. The undersigned has received written delegation of the Chief Executive Assessment Officer's powers under Section 53(1)(b) of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Section 53(1)(b) of the Act, I order that the Certificate Holder must:

1. By end of day on July 10, 2023, install electric fencing at the Knipple Camp in accordance with Order EN2019-001.
2. By end of day on July 10, 2023, provide the undersigned with photographic documentation that the electric fencing at Knipple Camp is installed and operational.
3. Complete the actions identified in clauses 1 and 2 of this Order to the satisfaction of EAO CEB.
4. Complete the measures identified in clauses 1 and 2 of this Order unless otherwise authorized by EAO CEB.



Christie Lombardi
Compliance and Enforcement Officer
Environmental Assessment Office

Dated July 7, 2023
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