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À / To Mineral Exploration Companies Active in Eeyou Istchee
Cc
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Objet / Re **Recommendations Concerning the Access to Eeyou Istchee Territory in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic**
De / From Reggie Mark, President

On May 14, 2020, the Cree Nation Government (CNG) has issued a letter (attached hereto) requesting from the mineral exploration companies having the intention to perform exploration works on Eeyou Istchee Territory in spring and summer 2020 to provide its COVID-19 Management Plan and Precautionary Measures to the CNG.

The Cree Mineral Exploration Board is issuing the present recommendations in view to ensure that the content of the above-mentioned COVID-19 Management Plan and Precautionary Measures (Plan) to be filed with the CNG, integrates the following basic items:

1. INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR EXPLORATION PROJECT

- a. Name of the mineral exploration company;
- b. Name and coordinates of the representative(s) responsible for the project (office and field);
- c. Location of works contemplated (name of Cree Communities, traplines if known and specific area for a temporary camp);
- d. Global number of workers present on the field (including subcontractors);
- e. Name of subcontractors;
- f. Dates of mobilization and demobilization;
- g. Scope of mineral exploration works foreseen.

2. FOOD AND SUPPLIES

You should provide basic information about the source of your supply.

If you foresee to purchase food or other supplies from any Cree community stores, your Plan should ensure that **orders will only be made by telephone and delivery will be performed at a meeting point outside of any Cree communities.**

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3. NO PHYSICAL MEETINGS WITH CREE INDIVIDUALS

Your Plan should specify that no physical meeting will be held with any Cree beneficiary not officially employed by your organization or subcontractors. Communications with Cree beneficiaries (tallyperson, Cree nation employees or leaders) should only be done by telephone, videoconference or email as the case may be. If for any reasons, a member of your workforce inadvertently meet a Cree beneficiary in the bush, your Plan should ensure that all members of your workforce were specifically briefed on the requirement to keep social distancing at all times (2 m).

4. HEALTH ISSUES

Considering that Eeyou Health Clinics are not accessible to non-Eeyou people, your Plan should state the measures foreseen to be implemented if a member of your workforce is ill. Ex. Ground transportation to the closest hospital (Chibougamau or Amos) or air medevac (floatplane or helicopter) in case of emergency, if so, provide the name of the service provider in your Plan.

Your Plan should be communicated to your workforce and you should ensure that it is well understood and strictly implemented. How your Plan is disseminated and enforced should also be a part of it.

The present recommendations shall not be seen as exhaustive and you may add any additional items that you deem appropriate. The present recommendations may also be amended as the COVID-19 pandemic situation evolves.

Disclaimer: The CMEB shall not be held responsible for any error or omission provided in the present recommendations, it is the responsibility of your organization to develop and implement your Plan.

For additional information and enquiries please contact CMEB's Chief Geologist/Director general, Mr. Youcef Larbi (see above-mentioned coordinates)



Reggie Mark
President of the Cree Mineral Exploration Board

Attachment: CNG, Resuming Exploration in Eeyou Istchee (letter dated DATE)