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May 14, 2020

To: Mining Exploration Companies in Eeyou Istchee

Subject: Resuming Exploration Activities in Eeyou Istchee

To Whom It May Concern:

First, on behalf of the Cree Nation Government, it is the sincere wish of the Cree Nation Government that all participants in the mining industry of Eeyou Istchee, including their families and loved ones remain safe during these very trying times of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Eeyou Istchee has thankfully been spared the status of other regions characterized by an alarming number of COVID-19 cases and widespread community transmission. Resident leadership, community members, business and the Public Health authority have worked very hard to keep COVID-19 to a minimum due to the inherent vulnerabilities of the region's population and geographically dispersed health care system. The Cree Nation is willing to receive guests in Eeyou Istchee to pursue their economic development aspirations or other governance-type activities, providing that such guests adapt their procedures and protocols to protect themselves and neighboring communities from the Coronavirus.

To facilitate matters, the Cree Nation Government is willing to collaborate with all mining exploration companies to ensure that they have in place the proper COVID-19 Management Plan and Precautionary Measures to reassure the leadership and community members of Eeyou Istchee. Prior to the resumption of activities or mobilization you are asked to send your COVID-19 Management Plan and contact information to: eeyouexplocovidplan@cngov.ca.

Please include your planned start date, the plan responding to the guidelines for the mining industry and any specific measures that are applicable to the context in Eeyou Istchee. Upon reception of your plan a member of our team will contact you shortly. It is necessary that we all do our best to protect one another in Eeyou Istchee.



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Thank you for your attention and stay safe.

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