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Ms. Teresa Morris
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Dear Ms. Morris:

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for Davidson Project

The Village of Telkwa has reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference documents for the Davidson Project of Blue Pearl Mining Ltd. Although we feel the terms are fairly inclusive, there are some issues of concern that we would like further clarification on. These include the following:

- Access Corridors are discussed in the Draft TOR through Smithers but Telkwa is not specifically refer to. Depending on how many ore trucks will be hauling through Telkwa and during what times of the day, there could be a more extreme safety issue at the Highway 16/Hankin Avenue intersection area. This intersection in particular should be addressed as there will be an impact due to ore truck traffic.
- Air quality issues will be addressed, however, it is not well defined in the Draft TOR WHERE air quality issues will be addressed. We suggest the Bulkley Valley Airshed be the area of focus and not just the area of Rural Area "A" and Smithers in close proximity to the mine to be considered/ Air quality is defined as particulate matter as from dust buy may not look at greenhouse gas emissions or other toxic emissions as a result of mine procedures or accidents. This needs to be much more well defined in the Terms of Reference.
- Aquatic resources (trout, salmon and other aquatic organisms) will be addressed as in terms of baseline monitoring in the vicinity of the mine however, upstream migrating salmon which may be influenced by mine pollutants and then return to upstream areas are not specifically

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- discussed. It should be made clear that some species of salmon and trout may use many different areas of the watershed during their life history therefore any negative impact of Blue Pearl Mine (BPM) may not be restricted to Glacier Gulch Creek, Lake Kathlyn, Bulkley River, etc...in close proximity to BPM>
- Noise is discussed in terms of those in close proximity to the mine, however, if ore is to be moved via rail line and trucks, this may create noise in other areas along the Highway 16 corridor through Telkwa and all the areas that border Highway 16. The same goes for the rail line through Telkwa.
- Condition of Highway 16 is an issue of concern as the highway is not currently in good condition and additional industrial truck traffic is sure to have a negative impact on Highway 16 – this, in turn, impacts local residents and tourist traffic.
- The CN Rail crossing on Coalmine Road in Telkwa has not been addressed and it should be. If ore is to be moved by rail and rail traffic is to increase through Telkwa, this needs to be addressed in terms of emergency planning, traffic safety and the safety of pedestrians who must cross the rail line to access the Telkwa Elementary School and the highway corridor
- Will our emergency plan require updating due to ore truck and rail line traffic containing molybdenum – how hazardous is the ore and what do we need to know about it. The BPM draft TOR discusses contingency plans in case of emergencies but does not discuss communicating with the surrounding residents and communities.

As you can see, there of still some concerns that we would like to see addressed.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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