

# Preface

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The following report represents Pacific Booker Mineral Inc.'s (PBM) Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EA Application) for its Morrison Copper/Gold Project (the Project). The EA Application contents are pursuant to and will be reviewed under the review process subject to the requirements governed by the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act* (2002) and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (1992) according to Project-specific Terms of Reference (TOR) and terms laid out in the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) Section 10, 11, and 13 Orders. The Section 10 order outlines that the Project constitutes a reviewable project pursuant to Part 3 of the Reviewable Project Regulation (B.C. Reg. 370/02), because the proposed Project is a new mineral mine with a production capacity greater or equal to 75,000 tonnes/year. The Section 10 Order also states that an environmental assessment certificate is required, and that the Project cannot proceed without an assessment. The Section 11 and 13 orders outline the scope, procedures, and methods for the environmental assessment. A review under the CEAA is required because the Project will trigger the federal *Fisheries Act* (1985b) and the *Explosives Act* (1985a), requiring their authorizations; a review of navigable waters in the Project area has also been included in anticipation of a possible authorization requirement under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* (1985c). Under CEAA the environmental assessment will proceed as a screening level assessment based upon a 2,000 tonne per day production rate.

The federal, provincial, municipal, community, First Nations, and other key stakeholders are as follows:

## **Federal:**

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- Transport Canada
- Environment Canada

## **Provincial:**

- British Columbia Ministry of Environment (BC MOE)
- British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (BC MEMPR)
- British Columbia Ministry of Community and Rural Development (BC MCRD)
- British Columbia Ministry of Small Business, Technology, and Economic Development (BC MSBTED)
- British Columbia Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (BC MTCA)

- British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (BC MAL)
- British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range (BC MOFR)
- British Columbia Integrated Land Management Bureau (BC ILMB)

### **Municipal:**

- The Village of Granisle
- The Village of Burns Lake
- The Town of Smithers
- The District of Houston

### **Community:**

- Granisle
- Burns Lake
- Houston
- Smithers
- Smithers Landing
- Topley
- Topley Landing

### **First Nations:**

- Lake Babine Nation
- Yekooche First Nation

### **Other Key Stakeholders:**

- Lakes Economic Development Authority (LEDA)
- Tukii Lodge Guide Outfitters
- Ookpik Wilderness Lodge
- Two trapline tenure holders
- Canadian Forest Products (Canfor)

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