# **Rezoning Information Package**

File Number: 3360-20/20170029

Subject: Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121,

2017

Electoral Area: A

Date of Referral: October 6, 2017

Date of Application: September 8, 2017

Property Owner's Name(s): Orica Canada Inc. (Crown) Applicant's Name: Dan Williams c/o Orica Canada Inc.

**SECTION 1: Property Summary** 

Legal Description(s): That Parcel or Tract of Land East of District Lot 8003, Cariboo District,

containing 16.589 ha More or Less (Lease/Permit/Licence # 516476)

Area of Application: 16.58 ha (40.97 ac)

Location: Parcel or Tract of Land East of DL 8003, Cariboo District, containing 16.589 ha More or Less

**Current Zoning:** 

Min. Lot Size Permitted:

Resource/Agricultural (R/A)

32 ha (79.07 ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Min. Lot Size Permitted:

Heavy Industrial (M 3)

0.4 ha (0.99 ac)

**Proposed Use:** Storage of raw materials for the production of Ammonium Nitrates Emulsions that are used in the mining industry.

No. and size of Proposed Lots: One 16.58 ha (40.97 ac) lot

Name and type of existing road system: Gibraltar Mine Rd (paved, collector)

Services Available: Hydro, telephone sewage disposal and well. Within the influence of a Controlled Access Highway: No

Within the confines of the Agricultural Land Reserve: Not within the ALR

Required to comply with the Shoreland Management Policy or Development Permit Areas:

Yes

Name of Lake/Contributing River and Lake Classification: N/A

Adjoining Properties: (Source: B.C.A.A.)

Land Use:

Lot Sizes:

(a) North	Unsurveyed Crown Land	
(b) South	Unsurveyed Crown Land	
(c) East	Unsurveyed Crown Land	
(d) West	Unsurveyed Crown Land	

## **SECTION 2: Planning Report**

Planning Staff recommends approval of Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017.

#### Background:

It is proposed to rezone a  $\pm 16.58$  ha Crown land lease area to the Heavy Industrial (M 3) zone as the land is used for the manufacturing and storing of explosives (ammoniate nitrate emulsions) employed by the mining industry. The proposal is shown in Appendix C. The improvements and buildings associated with the manufacturing, storage and processing of the explosives are confined to a fenced area.

Unsurveyed Crown lands are, by default, zoned Resource/Agricultural in CRD Rural Land Use Bylaws (RLUB) and in Zoning Bylaws. The Resource/Agricultural (R/A) zone permits resource extraction, including crushing and screening activities, but excludes further processing; hence the requirement for rezoning the property to a heavy industrial use.

### Application History / Relevant Applications:

The land is associated with Crown Lease Application #5407807 to create proposed District Lot 13283. The proponent has been offered a Crown lease subject to rezoning of the property to an appropriate industrial zone that would reflect the existing industrial land uses. Fencing of the manufacturing area is a requirement of the Crown.

#### Location and Surroundings:

The proposal is located on Gibraltar Mine Road, adjacent to unsurveyed crown lands and in proximity to the Gibraltar mine, as shown in Appendix B. Appendix D shows that the property is mostly vegetated except for the area containing the industrial improvements. Appendix B shows some watercourses on the subject lands, and comments received by the Provincial Habitat Biologist indicate that a wetland may be present on the property near the western edge, and possibly two streams may be located within the lease area.

#### CRD Regulations and Policies:

The Central Cariboo Area RLUB provides policies with regards to Crown Lands and Resource Lands. For resource lands, the plan supports the objectives of the agencies responsible for the resource management.

Staff notes that the Shoreland Management Policy is not applicable to wetlands, but is applicable to streams. The applicant should provide proof from a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) whether streams are present or not on the proposed lease area (16.58 ha). If the QEP can confirm that streams are not present on the land, then exemption from compliance with the CRD Shoreland Management Policy, with respect to riparian protection, would be granted.

#### Rationale for Recommendations:

Planning staff is supportive of the rezoning amendment as the intent is to legalize an existing land use associated with the mining industry. The Lease area is in close proximity to Gibraltar mines. Further, the industrial improvements being located near the road within a small portion of the lease area, and combined with the Crown fencing requirement that limits the impact of the development on adjacent crown lands.

#### Recommendation:

That Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017 be considered for approval subject to the following condition:

The applicant offering to enter into and entering into a covenant to ensure compliance with the CRD Shoreland Management Policy with respect to riparian protection.

Further, that the cost of registration of the covenant be borne by the applicant.

#### **SECTION 3: Referral Comments**

### Health Authority: -

# Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: - November 1, 2017

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has no objections in principle with the above Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw as it does not appear to impact any roads under this Ministry's jurisdiction.

### **Advisory Planning Commission:**

See attached.

### Ministry of Environment: - November 6, 2017

From aerial imagery, I suspect there is a wetland and two streams through the property. If further development occurs, the proponent should be aware that the *Water Sustainability Act* would apply to these, if they are present.

Otherwise, the habitat section has no further comments.

See attached email dated November 3, 2017 with attached map showing location of wetland.

### Ministry of Energy and Mines: - November 1, 2017

See attached email.

### Xats'ull/Cmetem' (Soda Creek Band): - November 6, 2017

I am interested in following-up on Crown #5407807, which allows for the storage of raw materials for the production of Ammonium Nitrates Emulsions. In order to accurately complete a referral, we require additional information on this application, including an environmental management plan and an archaeology review. I understand this site has been in existence for many years, so these plans may already exist. In addition, we would like details such as safety procedures, a description for the use of Nitrates and where, and why this particular location.

After receiving and reviewing these plans, we can move forward with the referral process.

# Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (Secwepemc): -

### T'exelc (Williams Lake Indand Band): - March 2, 2018

With regards to this referral the WLIB would like to ensure that if there is to be any ground disturbance occurring after the rezoning then the WLIB would like to see that the environment and any archaeological features are protected. Based on your email this can be accomplished by adjusting the access point as well as stipulating that for any ground disturbance an archaeological assessment will be required.

#### **SECTION 4: Board Action**

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2017

That consideration of Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017 be deferred for up to 90 days to allow First Nations consultation to occur.

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2018

That Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017 be deferred for up to 60 days to complete First Nations consultation.

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2018

That Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017 be read a first and second time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2018. Further, that adoption be subject to the following:

The applicant offering to enter into and entering into a covenant to ensure compliance with the CRD Shoreland Management Policy with respect to riparian protection.

Further, that the cost of registration of the covenant be borne by the applicant.

Date of Meeting: July 13, 2018

That Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017 be read a third time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018. Further, that adoption be subject to the following:

The applicant offering to enter into and entering into a covenant to ensure compliance with the CRD Shoreland Management Policy with respect to riparian protection.

Further, that the cost of registration of the covenant be borne by the applicant.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Bylaw No. 5121

Appendix B: General Map

Appendix C: Specific Map

Appendix D: Orthographic Map

Other: Applicant's supporting documentation

Email from Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, dated Nov. 1, 2017 Email from FLNR dated November 3, 2017 with attached map showing wetland location Email from Orica - BC Operations Lead, dated November 8, 2017 with attached:

- Preliminary Archaeological Field Reconnaissance Report
- Scope of Application: Gibraltar Site

**APC Comments** 

Results of Public Hearing

Email regarding Follow-up Watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site Report from EDI (Environmental Dynamics Inc.) regarding Follow-up watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site



# CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW NO. 5121

A bylaw of the Cariboo Regional District, in the Province of British Columbia, to amend Bylaw No. 3503, being the "Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 3503, 1999".

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* authorizes the Regional Board to amend a Rural Land Use bylaw after a public hearing and upon the affirmative vote of the Directors.

WHEREAS an application has been received to rezone property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Cariboo Regional District, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

### 1. CITATION

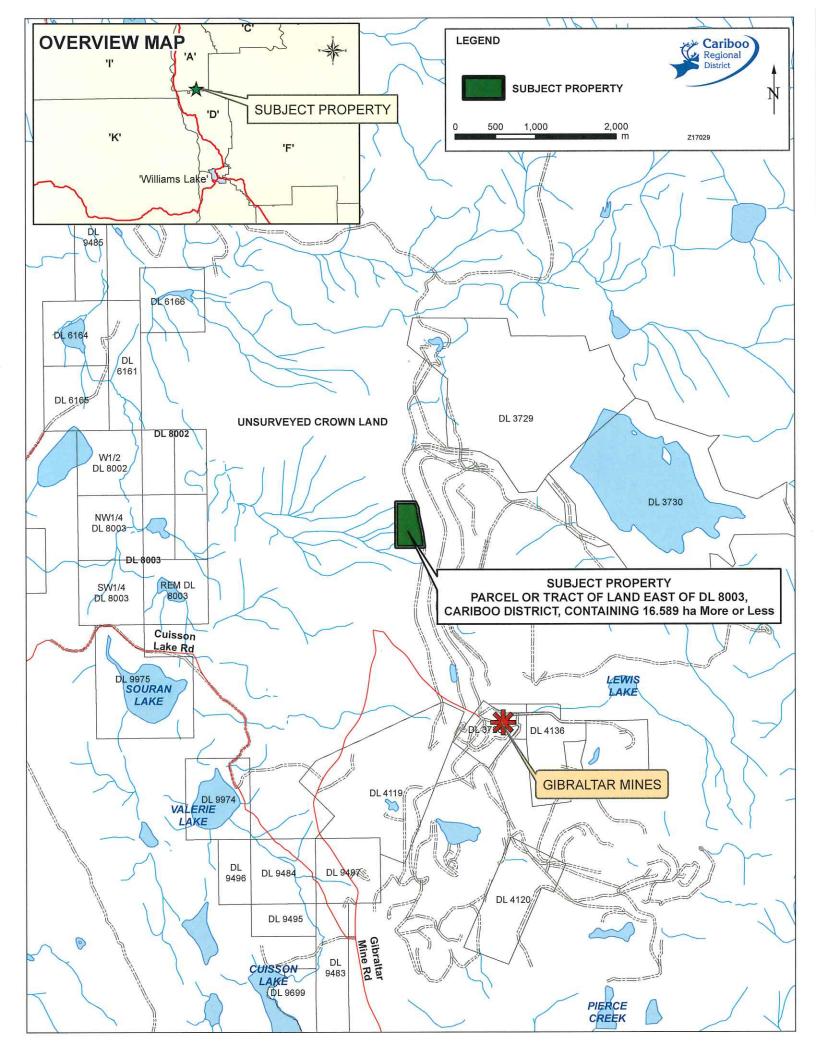
This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017".

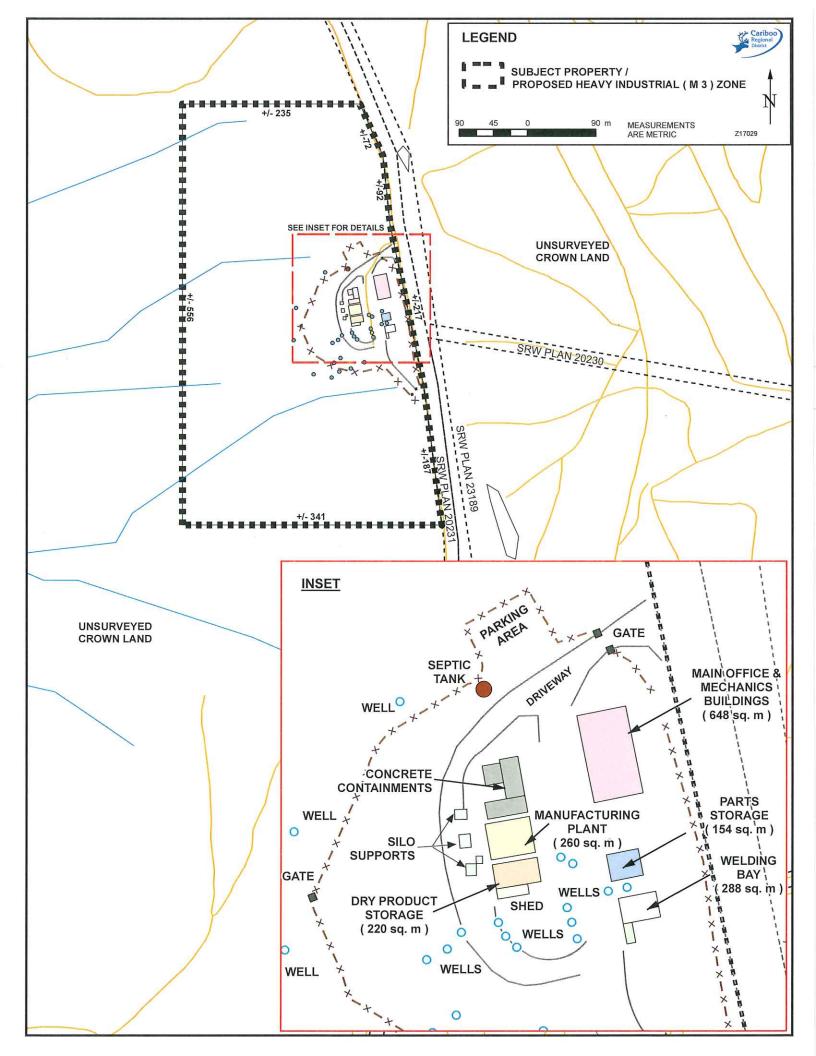
### 2. AMENDMENT

Bylaw No. 3503 of the Cariboo Regional District is amended by:

- i) rezoning That Parcel or Tract of Land East of District Lot 8003, Cariboo District, Containing 16.589 ha More or Less from Resource/Agricultural (R/A) zone to Heavy Industrial (M 3) zone; and
- ii) amending Schedule "C" accordingly.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS <u>23<sup>rd</sup></u> DAY OF <u>March</u> , 2018.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 2018.
A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE 5 <sup>th</sup> DAY OF July , 2018.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS 13 <sup>th</sup> DAY OF July , 2018.
ADOPTED THIS, 2018.
Chair
Manager of Corporate Services
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 5121 cited as the "Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo
Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121, 2017", as
adopted by the Cariboo Regional District Board on the day of, 2018.
01, 2018.
Manager of Corporate Services







Describe the	existing use of the subject property	and all build	ings. The property	is used	to store raw materials
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### Francesca Sanna

From:

McConnachie, Jennifer EMPR:EX <Jennifer.McConnachie@gov.bc.ca>

Sent:

November-01-17 10:57 AM

To:

Osmachenko, Linda FLNR:EX; Francesca Sanna

Cc:

Howe, Diane J EMPR:EX; Golobic, Blythe EMPR:EX; Kamloops, MMD EMPR:EX

Subject:

RE: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Thanks Linda. I missed the subject.

Francesca, can you please provide an update once the decision is made?

Thanks in advance,

#### Jennifer McConnachie, MSc, PAg

Manager, Reclamation

B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Mines and Mineral Resources Division

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From: Osmachenko, Linda FLNR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:51 AM

To: McConnachie, Jennifer EMPR:EX; 'Francesca Sanna'

Cc: Howe, Diane J EMPR:EX; Golobic, Blythe EMPR:EX; Kamloops, MMD EMPR:EX

Subject: RE: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

#### Hi Francesca:

Just to clarify, Orica was offered a lease for the land under the Land Act subject to the precondition of applying for and successfully receiving a rezoning for the purpose for which the land is being used. Should that application fail, the tenure cannot complete.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Linda Osmachenko

Land Officer Resource Authorizations 250-398-4259

From: McConnachie, Jennifer EMPR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 10:41 AM

To: 'Francesca Sanna'

Cc: Osmachenko, Linda FLNR:EX; Howe, Diane J EMPR:EX; Golobic, Blythe EMPR:EX; Kamloops, MMD EMPR:EX

Subject: RE: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Hi Francesca,

I have confirmation from Linda Osmachenko of FLNRORD that Orica holds tenure under the Land Act for the Crown land in question. As regulatory authority for environmental management and decommissioning of the land is held by FLNRORD, I can restate that EMPR has not objection to the rezoning of the land. The property will be removed from the M-40 Mines Act permit that is held by Gibraltar Mine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have or if you require anything further with respect to the rezoning decision.

Regards,

# Jennifer McConnachie, MSc, PAg

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From: Francesca Sanna [mailto:FSanna@cariboord.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 2:35 PM **To:** McConnachie, Jennifer EMPR:EX

Subject: RE: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Jennifer, below is the Crown map and the Ministry File number. FLNRO Williams Lake office number is 250-398-4574.

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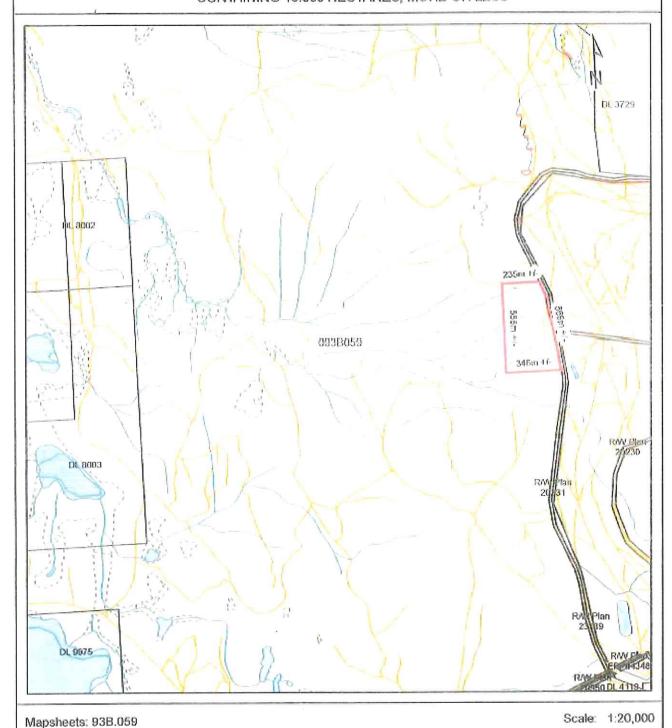
# LEGAL DESCRIPTION SCHEDULE

File Number: 5407807 Disposition Number: 924684

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THAT PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND EAST OF DISTRICT LOT 8003, CARIBOO DISTRICT, CONTAINING 16.589 HECTARES, MORE OR LESS



Francesca Sanna, B.Sc, MCIP, RPP Planning Officer

Industrial

### fsanna@cariboord.ca



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From: McConnachie, Jennifer EMPR:EX [mailto:Jennifer.McConnachie@gov.bc.ca]

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To: Francesca Sanna <FSanna@cariboord.bc.ca>; Brenda Ethier <BEthier@cariboord.bc.ca>

Cc: Jungaro, Ray J FLNR:EX <Ray.Jungaro@gov.bc.ca>; Howe, Diane J EMPR:EX <Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca>; Golobic,

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Subject: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Hi Francesca,

MEMPR received the attached referral package for the Orica plant at Gibraltar Mine. The Orica footprint has been included in the Mines Act permit boundary with Gibraltar Mines previously because the surface tenure was not held by Orica. We now understand that the Orica footprint is owned by Orica (based on the referral package). MEMPR will amend Gibraltar's Mines Act permit boundary to remove the Orica parcel. MEMPR has no objection to the rezoning proposal if the land parcel is not within the Mines Act permit boundary.

I tried to give you a call a few minutes ago, though I realize we are in different time zones and you were likely on lunch. If you have any question or if I have stated anything above that is incorrect, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Jennifer McConnachie, MSc, PAg

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### **Brenda Ethier**

From:

Francesca Sanna

Sent:

November-08-17 10:36 AM

To:

Brenda Ethier

Subject:

FW: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Attachments:

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From: Lion, Christine FLNR:EX [mailto:Christine.Lion@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: November-03-17 9:13 AM

**To:** Francesca Sanna <FSanna@cariboord.bc.ca> **Subject:** RE: E#479950 CRD - Orica - Gibraltar Mines

Hi Francesca,

I'm new to the region and the job, and haven't dealt with the Shoreland Management Policy too much. From what I can see in Google Earth, there is a wetland on the western edge. Would this be protected under the Shoreland Management Policy? I've attached a screenshot showing the wetland and the approximate distance from the road.

Feel free to give me a call if that's easier than writing an email.

Thanks, Christine



#### Francesca Sanna

From:

Dan Williams <dan.williams@orica.com>

Sent:

November-08-17 9:17 AM

To:

Kate Hewitt

Cc:

Francesca Sanna; NR Manager

Subject:

RE: Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121

**Attachments:** 

17-1067 Orica PFR Gibraltar Site Expansion JUN-12-2017.pdf;

EMP\_Gibraltar\_FINAL.docx

Hi Kate,

Please find attached a copy of our Environmental Management Plan as well as the Archeological Study that was completed earlier this year on the site. This particular site has been in operation since the early 70's as an emulsion manufacturing plant. Over the years the plant has been upgraded due to production needs. We manufacture Ammonium Nitrate Emulsions (explosives) for the mining industry in Western Canada and deliver via highway tankers. We also supply the Gibraltar mine from this site via our Mobile Manufacturing Units (MMU's).

All of our storage tanks that we have on site are contained in concrete bunds that are designed to hold 110% of the tanks contents in case of a leak and all materials would be contained in the bunds to keep the materials from spilling out into the environment. Any contaminated water that is created on site is contained as well and disposed of through an evaporator system on site. All solid waste is placed in bags and destroyed at the mine during blasting procedures.

If you require further information in regards to this operation please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

### Regards,

Dan Williams BC Operations Lead – Bulk and Mining Orica Canada 800 Mission Flats Rd, Kamloops BC, V2C 1A9

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From: Kate Hewitt [mailto:referrals@xatsull.com]

Sent: November-06-17 2:28 PM

To: Dan Williams <dan.williams@orica.com>

Cc: fsanna@cariboord.ca; NR Manager < nrmanager@xatsull.com>

Subject: Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5121

Good Afternoon Dan,

My name is Kate Hewitt and I work in the Natural Resources department at Soda Creek Indian Band.

I am interested in following-up on Crown #5407807, which allows for the storage of raw materials for the production of Ammonium Nitrates Emulsions. In order to accurately complete a referral, we require additional information on this application, including an environmental management plan and an archaeology review. I understand this site has been in existence for many years, so these plans may already exist. In addition, we would like details such as safety procedures, a description for the use of Nitrates and where, and why this particular location.

After receiving and reviewing these plans, we can move forward with the referral process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kate Hewitt, HBA, EMX

Referrals Coordinator | Natural Resources Department

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# Preliminary Field Reconnaissance Report Gibraltar Site Expansion

June 12, 2017

Client and Project					STRY ONLY
PROPONENT Orica Mining Services		DEVELOPMENT TYPE Manufacturing facilities expansion		FOREST LICE	NCE
CONTACT		LOCATION	NTS MAP	CUTTING PER	RMIT
Eric McMillan		McLeese Lake 93B/9			
Operations Manager – British Columbia ADDRESS		SCHEDULE Summer 2017	REGION Central Inte	CUTBLOCK(S)	
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PHONE 250-372-2808	FAX or EMAIL eric.mcmillan@orica.com	AREA / LENGTH 18.95 ha	ELEVATION (a.s.l.) 980 m	BIOGEOCLIMATIC ZONE SBSdw2	

**Assessment Summary** 

Assessment Summ						
SURVEY DATE(S)		SURVEY CREW (AND AFFILIATION)				
May 19, 2017	Marvin Bob (Williams Lake India	Marvin Bob (Williams Lake Indian Band), Hank Sellars (Xatsull First Nation)				
FIELD DIRECTOR(S)	FIELD DIRECTOR LOCATION			CREW SUPERVISOR(S)		
Kim Statham	On site			Kim Statham		
REASON FOR ASSESSMENT		PREVIOUSLY RE	CORDED SITES IN VICINIT	Y (AND TYPES)		
Client request		FdRo-9 (lithics)				
TRAVERSE TYPE	AVERAGE CREW TRAVERSE WIDTH	NUMBER OF ARE	EAS OF ARCH POTENTIAL	NUMBER OF SUBSURFACE TESTS		
Judgmental	60 m	None		None		
PROTECTED SITES (AND TYP	ES) IN CONFLICT WITH DEVELOPMENT	NON PROTECTED SITES (AND TYPES)				
None		1 post-1846 CMT				
REPORT AUTHOR(S)		HCA PERMIT	PROJECT OFFICER	PERMIT HOLDER		
Kim Statham		n/a	n/a	n/a		

# **Project Area Description**

Orica Mining Services (Orica) is proposing an 18.95 ha expansion of their existing mining explosives manufacturing facility. The study area is located 2.1 km west of the Gibraltar Mines tailings pond, 2.0 km north of Lewis Creek, and 10.3 km east of the Fraser River (Figure 1). Construction of the expanded facilities will include removal of vegetation, soil stripping, grading, installation of building foundation, and the construction of access roads and fence lines, all of which have the potential to alter undocumented archaeological sites. The assessment was conducted at the request of the proponent.

Although there are no recorded archaeological sites within the study area, one documented site is located 4.5 km to the west. Archaeological site FdRo-9 consists of an isolated lithic find recorded by Matrix Research Ltd. in 2008; a single quartzite flake was observed in a tree throw located approximately 50 m northwest of a large wetland. The site was not fully assessed and was not recorded under permit. The study area had been predicted to have low archaeological potential according to the regional AOA model, *Archaeological Overview Assessment, Northern Secwepemc Traditional Territory* (IR Wilson 1998). A desk-based review indicates the presence of numerous west-flowing drainages, which may be associated with elevated, level terrain or microtopographical features (Figure 2).

#### Methodology

A desk-based review was conducted prior to fieldwork. The review consisted of a search for archaeological sites located in proximity to the proposed development using the Archaeology Branch's Remote Access to Archaeological Data (RAAD) application and a review of related archaeological reports available on the Provincial Archaeological Report Library (PARL). The desk-based review also utilized available satellite imagery and National Topographic System (NTS) maps in order to examine local topography.

During the field assessment, crew members were spaced at approximately 10 m intervals along survey transects, all ground exposures encountered were inspected for archaeological materials, and all trees (all species standing or fallen, including stumps) along survey transects were examined for indications of cultural modification. Survey was intensified in areas considered to have higher archaeological potential based on topographic and hydrological terrain features observed in the field.

Archaeological potential was assessed based on: proximity to water, food resources, slope, drainage, forest cover, presence of topographic landforms commonly associated with known archaeological sites in the region (e.g., terraces, knolls, breaks-in-slope), and local knowledge.

A qualified field director was a member of the survey crew during this assessment.

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### Survey Results

The entire study area was assessed on foot. The forest cover comprises spruce, lodgepole pine, balsam fir, trembling aspen, paper birch, and Douglas fir. The understorey is relatively thick and includes gooseberry, Oregon grape, highbush blueberry, rose, and alder. Assessed lands throughout the development have been subject to previous disturbance, largely as a result of the existing Gibraltar mining explosives manufacturing facility, but also by industrial logging and access road construction (Photos 1–3).

Terrain within the northern and central portions of the study area is characterized by hummocky, gently-to-moderately sloping, and well-drained terrain with western and southwestern aspects. The southern portion consists of similar terrain; however, it was observed to be poorly drained. Several mapped drainages flow roughly east — southwest throughout the study area, but none of these drainages were observed during survey and these locations were not associated with incised channels. The lands adjacent to these mapped drainages are sloping and hummocky, and there were no raised, well-defined, or level landforms observed in any location within the project area. Based on the significant previous disturbance, and the presence of uneven and sloping terrain, archaeological potential is considered to be low throughout the entire study area.

A post-1846 culturally modified tree (CMT 01) consisting of a single blazed dead lodgepole pine was observed in the central portion of the study area (Figure 2; Photo 4). This modification is considered to post-date 1846 based on a visual inspection. The tree is very decayed and would not produce a viable increment sample if cored. Although not protected by the *Heritage Conservation Act*, CMT 01 may be of interest to First Nations communities.

### Evaluation of Testing Program(s)

Not applicable

### Impact Assessment and Recommendations

As there were no archaeological materials or areas of archaeological potential identified within the study area, no additional archaeological studies are recommended in advance of proposed development, provided the project footprint does not expand beyond study area boundaries.

Although the potential presence of archaeological sites is considered to be very low in the study area, no assessment can guarantee to identify all undocumented sites located in a particular area. Therefore, if archaeological materials are observed during any phase of development operations, all ground-altering activities in the vicinity of the materials must be halted immediately and a qualified archaeologist and the relevant First Nations contacted. If a qualified archaeologist considers the materials to be protected under the Heritage Conservation Act, ground-altering activities may only resume with approval of the Archaeology Branch. Supervisors and operators should be aware that sites and objects located on public or private land and associated with human habitation or use that might pre-date AD 1846 are automatically protected under Section 13 (2) of the Act and cannot be altered without a permit issued pursuant to Sections 12 or 14 of the Act.

Interpretations of the archaeological record are made without prejudice to Aboriginal Interests and are not intended to refute, alter, or recognize any Aboriginal treaty, title, or any other right. This assessment addresses the potential for the existence of physical evidence of past human activity and does not encompass traditional use or other heritage concerns of the First Nation communities. This information should be solicited directly from the First Nations.



Photo 1: Western view in the central portion of the proposed development footprint of typical heavily disturbed terrain.



Photo 2: Eastern view toward the existing facilities showing previous disturbance.

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Photo 3: Northwestern view within the northeastern portion of the project showing mounding and disturbed soils, which have been artificially levelled, and steeply sloping intact lands visible in the left side of the photo.

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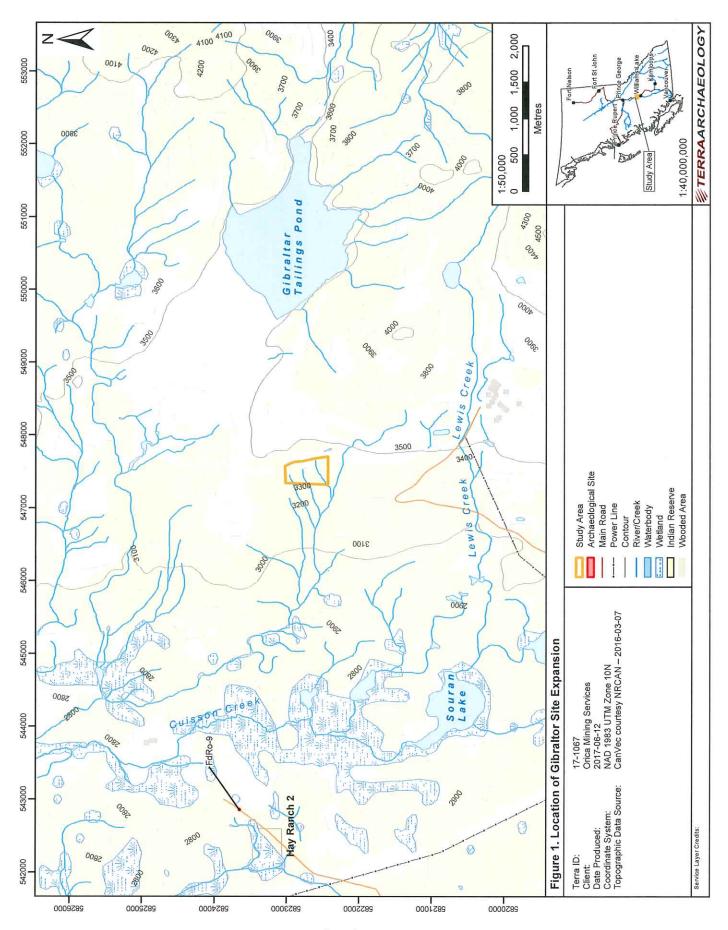
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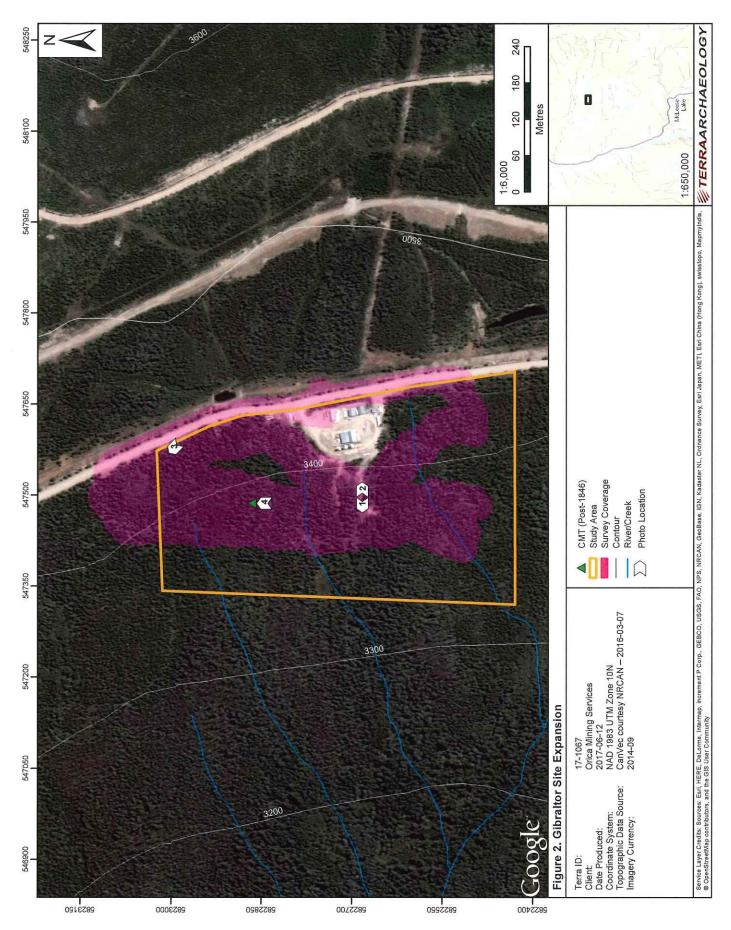


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#### 1 PURPOSE OF THIS EMP

The purpose of this Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is to ensure that the Orica operations on the Gibraltar site have appropriate environmental management practices in place to minimise environmental impacts and prevent legal non-compliances.

This EMP is developed in accordance with the Orica SHES Management Procedure SHE-GBL-PRO-ENV-001 Environmental Management Plans.

#### 2 APPLICATION AND SCOPE OF THIS EMP

The Gibraltar site is a mining service manufacturing site located in British Columbia, Canada. The site supplies products to British Columbia, Canada.

All activities conducted within the Orica site boundary (where Orica has operational control) are included in this EMP. This includes:

- Storage of raw materials
- Manufacturing of Gasser and AN Emulsion
- Load out of MMU's and ANE bulk trucks
- Maintenance including MMU
- Quality Control bench
- Waste water and septic management
- Waste management (haz and non-haz)

Activities excluded from the scope of the EMP are outlined below:

- Use of products on customer site
- Management of any waste or by-products after they have been discharged or transported from the site / area where Orica has operational control
- Transport of materials & products outside of the site boundary

#### 3 SITE DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 Business Structure

The Gibraltar site is a part of Mining Services Canada Ltd. It is a primary manufacturing site which supports underground and open cut mining operations within British Columbia, it also supplies bulk ANE product to smaller field operations sites. Mining Services operates a numbers of comparable facilities within various regions of Canada. These sites are established to maximise support to customers and distribution of required product across the country.

# 3.2 Description of the Facility

The site Manufactures:

- Gasser
- AN Emulsion (distributed as bulk and also within MMU's to service the Gibraltar mine)
  The site stores
  - AN prill in bulk for use within the ANE manufacturing and for MMU load out
  - Raw Materials (surfactants, sodium nitrite, AN solution, fuel oil)

# Supporting Services

- Maintenance workshop (including hot work area) for plant equipment and MMU's
- Utilities (washroom, toilets, showers)
- Office

#### Waste water

During normal operations the site is manned over two shifts with <u>10</u> personnel on site <u>per shift</u> including a lead hand and team leader. This includes all plant operators and MMU drivers.

### Gasser Solution

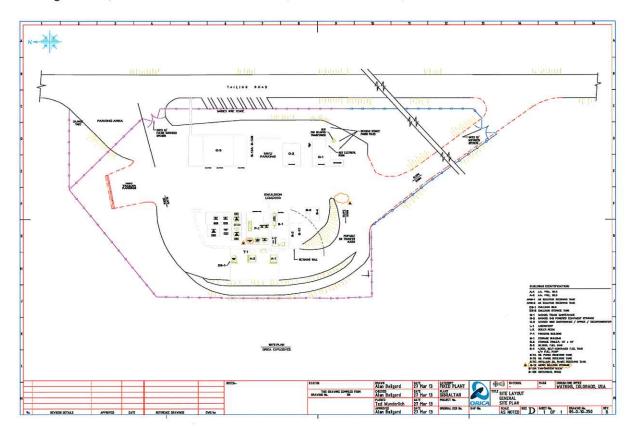
Gasser is manufactured through the mixing of Sodium Nitrite and Water. It is used within the MMU's when they load holes and is added on bench to provide a sensitiser to the load.

### AN Emulsion

Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion (ANE) is manufactured through the blending of Oil and Ammonium Nitrate Solution (ANS) to make a solution. Acetic Acid may also be added as a pH stabiliser and microballons may be added to sensitize the product.

### 3.3 Location and land description

Tailings Road, Taesko Gibraltar Mine site, British Columbia, Canada.



### 3.4 Summary of Topography / Vegetation / Hydrogeology / Climate

The site has had a number of studies completed regarding the hydrogeology of the site. Very little other information is known regarding the environmental context of the site. The Hydrogeological setting is outlined below. (information obtained from ARC Inc. environmental report 2001)

#### Hydrogeology

The site is comprised gravel and sand fill with some silt from surface to 0.9m below surface grade (bsg). This material was underlain by 0.4 to 5.2m of firm to very stiff, brown, moist silty till with some sand, little to trace clay, and occasional sand stringers. Very stiff clay and silt tills with some sand underlie the silty till. The very stiff clay and silt tills were encountered well below 16.5m (determined through bore hole investigations).

The aquifer of concern is represented by silty clay till interspersed with silty sand, sandy silt and sand layers. The depth to water bearing till varies from 3m to 9m below surface grade (bag). The thickness of the shallow water bearing unit is estimated at 8-10m. The water bearing unit is considered unconfined. Porosity of clay tills is estimated at 10-20% (Fetter, 1994). Groundwater levels in the subject aquifer fluctuate with seasonal variations in recharge (ARC Inc., 2001). Water from the shallow aquifer drains locally to two drainage channels (north and south gullies) immediately west of the site. Shallow groundwater generally flows similar to the surface topographic gradient, i.e. to the west and southwest (Figure 4, Attachment A); and sometimes south (December 1999) depending on the season.

# 3.5 Site surrounding land use

The surrounding land use is Mining Operations which are managed by Taseko Inc. (Gibraltar Mine). The land surrounding the site is mining lease with some cattle grazing beyond the mine boundary. Due to the federal and provincial regulations there are no sensitive receptors within 10km of the site.

### 3.6 Site ownership and history

There is a formal agreement in place for the land used with the land owner, <u>Taseko Mines</u>, with Orica assigned an area of land which is fenced. As the site manufactures product for the Gibraltar mine (land owner) and other customers, Orica pays a royalty for power used (supplied by Gibraltar mine).

### 3.7 Environmental studies or contamination assessments

Study / Report Title and Author	Date	Report Filing Location
Detailed Site Investigation of Orica Facility at Gibraltar Mine Site, Mcleese Lake, British Columbia for Orica Canada Inc. 42pp. + Appendices (Arc Inc.)	2001	Orica_Legal_Department, Watkins, CO and on site ARC reports
Phase One (Natural Resources Canada)		Unknown
Environmental Site Investigation Report (ARC Inc)	Mar & Jun1999	Orica Legal Department, Watkins, COLegal
Environmental Site Inspection Gibraltar On-site Explosives Plant, Williams Lake, British Columbia 1992-09-22. LL Campbell Environmental Affairs, ICI Canada Inc.12pp + maps.	1992	Unknown
Gibraltar Mine Memorandum to File: Underground Tank Removal at ICI Explosives Canada. T Wambolt, Environmental Engineer, Gibraltar Mine Limited, 4pp + attachments (photos and ASL Chemical Analysis Report F1085).	1995	Unknown

A summary of the contamination at the Gibraltar site is listed below.

### <u>Diesel Contamination – Tier 4 Site Classification</u>

ICI discovered an area of diesel contaminated land in 1998 soon after taking over the site's operations. The leak was determined to have come from an elbow in a buried (approx 2.4m) fuel line connecting AST to a Mixing Plant.

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Investigation and remediation works commenced immediately with ARC Industries of Calgary engaged as the environmental contractor. A notice of Independent Remediation (NIR) was submitted for the spill cleanup on 3 September 1998. The site was registered in the BC site registry of Contaminated sites (Site ID Number 35357)

Initial works involved the installation of a series of recovery trenches in 1999. The site undertook a detailed environmental assessment of the impacted area in accordance with the MOE request for a DSI (dated 02/16/99), with the report including extensive delineation included. This report was submitted to MOE and not accepted a number of times, there was no appetite from Orica (Legal) and ARC to resubmit the report fourth time.

Removal of contaminated waters via vacuum truck commenced in October 2011 and is continuous.

In 2002 a meeting between BC, MOE, ARC and Orica set parameters for future works. Works involved the continuous withdrawal of water/oil from recovery wells which was a manual operation for a number of years. Up until 2008 approximately CAN\$500k was spent on the remediation.

### **Effluent Disposal Separator System**

There was an effluent disposal <u>separator</u> for liquid effluents, including emulsion washings and maintenance oils and greases, operated to the south of the plant. This effluent disposal field was decommissioned 2013.

### **Underground Fuel Storage Tanks**

The site has previously had underground tanks for fuel oil and diesel oil (ICI, 1992). The 11000 gallon underground fuel tank was removed in 1994 and 12 truckloads of contaminated soil sent to the Gibraltar Mine percolation site for remediation (ICI Environmental Management Manual photos, 1996). Two underground storage tanks, a 2000 gallon diesel tank and a 1000 gallon gasoline tank, were removed in May 1995. Approximately 150 m3 of contaminated soil was land disposed at the Gibraltar Mine site under authorisation from the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (letter from D McIntosh, Assistant Regional Waste Manager, Cariboo Region to T Wambolt, Gibraltar Mines Ltd., dated 19 June 1995 is maintained in archived file at the Gibraltar site.)

#### 4 CORPORATE AND SITE OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

The following Orica Corporate and operational level environmental objectives and targets are relevant to the site

# 4.1 Corporate Environmental Policy

A copy of the Orica Environmental Policy SHE-GBL-POL-002 is shown below and is also available on the Orica website at: <a href="https://www.orica.com/sustainability">www.orica.com/sustainability</a>



# Policy

#### Environment

Orica understands that excellence in environmental performance is essential to our ongoing business success.

To manage our company responsibly, sustain growth, offer valuable products and services and maintain regulatory and community trust, we must embed environmental stewardship into everything we do. Our business plans will consider both the short and long-term impacts of our operations on the environment, and will support minimising our environmental footprint and legacies.

#### In particular, Orica will:

- Ensure that environmental management and stewardship is integrated into all aspects
  of our activities.
- Enable all people to know and understand their role in considering environmental management in their day-to-day work.
- Ensure environmental risks are identified, managed and monitored across our all aspects of our operations.
- Ensure site specific environmental management plans are in place for all our operations.
- Rehabilitate sites or areas disturbed by our activities.
- Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, licences, internal policies and contractual
  obligations as a minimum standard.
- Always look for opportunities to improve the environmental performance of our activities.
- Use our resources in an efficient and responsible manner, and minimize waste and the
  environmental footprint of our activities.
- Engage with our stakeholders in a proactive manner and through regular reporting of our environmental management and performance.
- . Work with our customers to help them achieve their environmental goals.

lan Smith Managing Director and CEO Orica Limited July 2013

Orica Limited

### 4.2 Corporate Environmental Targets

Orica has the following Group-wide environmental targets. Site level improvement plans should include relevant initiatives and targets which contribute towards the achievement of Group targets.

Environmental Performance Targets	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2015 Target
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% per tonne	0.65	0.53	0.50	0.33
Reduce potable water consumption by 50% per tonne	2.11	1.62	1.91	1.06

# 4.3 Site Environmental Targets

Reduce AN prill spills during the AN unloading process---a new AN unloading procedure has been established to reduce and eliminate spills---close monitoring of unloading by site personnel. (Result of Incidents of Supply Truck drivers blowing out hose onto the ground). Waste Water reduction---site has a new waste water evaporator to handle waste water from the garage and wash bay---will eliminate the need to directly dispose of waste water.

Reduce and eliminate any chance of Loss of Containment of raw material---with the new Gibraltar upgrade storage tanks have been bunded.

Reduce domestic and other waste by recycling wherever possible---get everyone involved with planning.

### **Direct Monitoring & Compliance Targets**

Environment (Ref: SHEC Improvement Plan)	Target	Stretch Target
Environmental incidents >CAT +2	2	0
Environmental Complaints	1	0
Environmental Non Compliances	3	0
E2 Environmental Reporting	Annually	-1 month

### Environmental Project Specific Targets:

Component	Target	Project
Waste	Feasibility Study Completed	Review all current waste streams to identify reduction / re-cycle opportunities not previously investigated
Waste	Reduce Water consumption Reduce Trade Waste discharge by ~9ML/Yr	Recycling opportunities

The targets as listed above are included within the sites SHEC Improvement Plan available on the Manufacturing DMS. All environmental targets have been established in accordance with SHE-GBL-PRO-PGT-001 SHEC Objectives, Targets & Improvement Plans.

### 5 LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The legal and other requirements relevant to the Gibraltar Site are described below.

# 5.1 General legal requirements

General legal requirements are applicable to the site and its operations. A copy of the applicable general requirements can be obtained from Site Factory Licence on office wall.

The following are the key general legal requirements are relevant to the Gibraltar Site operations:

### Canadian Federal Requirements

- Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992
- Hazardous Products Act
- Explosives Act and Regulations 2013

### British Columbia Provincial Requirements

- Environmental Spill reporting
- WCB—Report Incidents involving explosives/blasting

### Local Requirements / Regulations

Requirements of the Contract with the Mine

The following licences and permits are held by the site relating to environmentally activities:

Requirement / Licence	Issuing Authority	Licence Identifier	Date Issued	Expiry Date	Document Link / Stored
Licence for Explosive Manufacture	Natural Resources Canada	2017(03)- F217	10-21- 2013	03-31-18	Site office

### Site Specific conditions

All site specific conditions are listed within Form 3 of the approved licence for explosive manufacture 2017 (03)-F217

### 5.2 Voluntary obligations

The site currently does not subscribe to any voluntary obligations.

# 5.3 Reporting Requirements

### Regulatory Reporting

The following regulatory reporting must be undertaken:

Requirement	What to report?	Who to report to?	When to report?	Site person responsible	How to report?
E2 reporting	Changes to	Environment	When	Team	Revised E2 -
	ANP storage	Canada	changes are implemented	Leader	Schedule 2
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E2 reporting	Annual	Environment	Annually	Team	E2 – Schedule 5
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# Internal Reporting

The following internal reporting must be undertaken:

Requirement	What to report?	Who to report to?	When to report?	Site person responsible	How to report?
Monthly	All waste	Waste &	Month	Team	Complete
Waste Report	generated by	Energy	end	Leader	database report
	the site	Management			
		Database			
Monthly	All site	NA SHES	Month	Team	Complete and
Environmental	environmental	Team	end	Leader	submit
compliance Questions	activities				questionnaire

#### 6 IDENTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS & IMPACTS

The site activities are reviewed to determine which may be environmentally relevant and need to be managed to minimise potential environmental impacts.

### 6.1 Substances used on site

A comprehensive list of substances handled on site can be found the site chemical register (red book) and the hazardous materials assessments (available on site).

Bulk materials on site which are environmentally significant include:

Chemical	Storage type	Quantity	
AN Emulsion	Bulk tank	82,000 kg	
AN Prill	Bulk silo	130,000 kg	
Diesel	Bulk tank	50,000 litres	
Sodium Nitrite	Bag	4,000 kg	

Sulfamic Acid	Bag	5,000 kg	

The site currently does not utilise any in ground or underground storage or process tanks. Historically the site has had diesel lines which were underground. These have been decommissioned following contamination found in 1998 due to a failure of the underground lines.

### 6.2 Method for identifying and assessing environmental aspects

The following steps were undertaken to establish the impact and aspects register (SHE-GTR-EMP-ENV-003) for the Gibraltar site operations:

- The site was divided into relevant areas and activities for review
- The Environmental Aspect Checklist (SHE-GTR-EMP-ENV-002) was completed for designated areas to understand potential impacts
- Environmental aspects and impacts for each area were assessed and documented in the Environmental Aspects and Impacts Register (SHE-GTR-EMP-ENV-003).
- Relevant controls for each impact were also documented in the aspect and impact register.

### 6.3 Significant Environmental Aspects and Controls

The site has defined a significant environmental aspect as

- environmental outcome of severity 2 or greater
- legal outcome of severity 1 or greater

The critical controls identified have been established following the risk hierarchy of controls.



A summary of significant environmental aspects and their applicable controls are listed below:

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## Gibraltar EMP

Plant	Aspect		Outcome	MCS	Controls	Severity
	A 22.2	1100	Time			/virith
	Area	Detail	ıype			(with controls in place)
General site	Waste Management	Incompatible waste storage. Products are kept separate so as not to create a reaction with incompatible products. IE: Sodium Nitrate and Sodium Nirtite	EN<	2	Physical Controls: -Portable bunding - Separate labelled cleaning tools Administrative Controls: - Procedural protection - Several segregated and labelled locations for waste to be placed. Behavioural Controls Trained and knowledgeable employees	<u> </u>
AN Silo's	Storage, unloading and loading	AN impacts ground from LOC during rain or windy weather, chemicals or fuel spills during loading, gate sticks or jams open during / after loading	ENC	2	Physical Controls:  - Bitumen beneath silos to facilitate cleanup of spills Administrative Controls:  - Procedure for unloading, including measures to prevent overloading silos. Procedure for loading trucks.  - Operator in attendance during loading / unloading.  - Spill management procedure. Maintenance of gate Behavioural Controls:  - On the job training.	· ·
Wash bay	Wash down & Decontamination of MMU's and equipment	Contaminated waters overflowing and flowing out of building during decontamination activities or leak from building in floor drain to ground or impacting storm water	EN<	2	Physical Controls: Within a building with an impervious floor (Concrete) & berm Purpose built building Spill Kit Administrative Controls: Maintenance and spill response procedures Low volume of equipment / items requiring decontamination. Behavioural Controls: Operator on the job training	<del></del>

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### Gibraltar EMP

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Physical Controls:  - Concrete containment 110% - Level indication / level switch - Drip / spill trays and kits Administrative Controls: - Procedure for unloading & transfers of materials Bunds inspected periodically - Operator in attendance during unloading Spill management procedure.  Behavioural Controls: - On the job training.	Physical Controls: - Activities located within an enclosed building minimising potential impact Administrative Controls: Procedural protection Behavioural Controls: On the job training, culture / awareness	Physical Controls: Containment berm which is lined, level alarms / switch on tanks, drip trays / pails at connection points, hose material design connections and hose type, spill kits, transfer on pavement, collision protection for tanks (bollard) Administrative Controls: Operating procedures, spill response procedures, Behavioural Controls: On the job training, culture / awareness	Physical Controls: Dust filters on storage hopper	Physical Controls: Activities located within an enclosed building minimising potential impact Administrative Controls: Behavioural Controls:
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Env	Env	EN	ENV	EN
Impact to ground or stormwater from tank overfilling, LOC during filling, pipe work failure, bund leakage.	Impact to ground or stormwater from system overfilling, LOC during filling, pipe work failure, bund or container leakage.	Impact to ground from tank overfilling, LOC during filling, pipe work failure, bund leakage.	Dust generated during transfer of microbaloons	Leaching of nitrate rich waters to ground from in floor drains or overflows from the manufacturing area. Material captured in drains during wash down.
Loading, Storage & offloading	Evaporation and storage of waste waters prior to processing and sludge after processing	Liquids (ANS & Surfactants) Loading, storage and offloading (to plant)	Production line	Process Waste Water Recycling
Fuel Storage	Evaporator	Raw materials storage	ANE Plant	ANE Plant

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### 7 MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The key controls and management approach for identified environmental aspects are described below:

### 7.1 Environmentally hazardous materials management

Environmentally hazardous materials are managed on the site in a controlled manner, where good management practices are established and the site is designed in such a way as to facilitate these practices. This includes

- installation of hazardous material storage in accordance with the relevant ERD Standard which also includes specialist storage cabinets where required,
- storage of materials in bulk where plausible,
- storage of non-bulk materials within buildings and in dedicated areas, and
- instrumentation and engineering controls to prevent loss of containment/overflow etc
- Secondary containment (bunds)...

All storage devices are inspected as a part of the sites housekeeping and inspection program, with any required maintenance scheduled through the site's "Red Book" maintenance program. Any changes in the standards are reviewed and then a site inspection scheduled to ensure the site remains compliant with all relevant storage and management requirements.

### 7.2 Air emissions management

### Point source air emissions management

The Gibraltar site does not have any point source emission points.

### Fugitive air emissions management

Fugitive emissions on site may arise from minor leaks, venting of tanks etc. The potential for emissions is considered within the site's hazard review process which was undertaken when the site was designed and built. Any alterations made to the plant or equipment through the alteration authority process gives consideration to any changes in emissions which may be experienced both during the change and as a result for the change. The ANP silo vents are not equipped with dust collectors

### Odour emissions management

The site does not produce or store any materials which are highly odorous in nature. Minor odours which are not particularly pungent are experienced from the Ammonium Nitrate and fuels area. Given the minor nature of the odours there is no specific management plan applicable to odours and no mitigative measures implemented.

### 7.3 Wastewater management

The site captures wastewater in a 1360 litre container in the workshop area. Wastewater is transported to the Gibraltar Mine '4 Pond', where wastewater is treated prior to discharge to the mine tailings dam. Site has since commissioned a waste water evaporator system to aid in this process effective January 1, 2017. No waste water is disposed of on mine property.

Agreement with the Gibraltar Mine for wastewater disposal was first agreed in October 1986 (letter to M Ryan from G P McKay dated 8 October 1986) and the initial agreement was signed in July 1987 (letter from Barry Weenk of Gibraltar Mines Limited, to Mr Jack Dunkin of C.I.L dated 20 July 1987.

Relevant Procedures:

MFG-TOM-PRO-SHE-001 Waste management plan

MFG-TOM-PRO-LAB-401 Waste water analysis

MFG-TOM-PRO-HPO-064 Waste water treatment system

### 7.4 Stormwater management

The site does not have a stormwater management system on site. This is based on potential contaminants being managed up at the site and activity areas. Majority of all manufacturing and maintenance operations are conducted within enclosed buildings, greatly minimising the potential for any impact on stormwater. Activities which would have the potential to impact stormwater quality include: Unloading / Loading Operations. To manage potential impact in these areas's the site maintains a strict housekeeping and spill management approach.

### 7.5 Soil and groundwater management

Soil and groundwater on the site are managed through various approached. Prevention

- Spill response and management training
- Bund / containment inspections and preventative maintenance
- Site sealed in key areas with impervious surfaces

### Response

- The site maintains a spill response procedures and a site emergency response plan. Monitoring
  - Groundwater is monitored on the site. Practice has been that when site has a water truck wells below site are pumped out, samples are taken and analysed by the Mine and then water is disposed of in the Mine's water treatment system.

### 7.6 Waste management

There is a Waste Management system c/w monthly reporting to Orica DB and includes waste disposal and recycling. Hazardous waste, which is material generated by the manufacture of explosives, is disposed of down the bore hole and is burned up in the blast.

There is a recycling program which includes for example, paper and cardboard, bottles and cans, used oil, wooden pallets and scrap metal. Domestic waste is disposed of in the Mine's landfill.

Relevant Procedures: MFG-TOM-PRO-SHE-001 Waste management plan

Waste Source	Controls in Place	Destination of Waste
Emulsion	Waste separator	Customers Site(bore holes)
Used Oils	Waste Oil Collection	Contractors Location
Non-hazardous waste	Waste containers	Mine landfill

### 7.7 Amenity Impact management

The site has not identified any amenities which are significant in nature or which require any specific management.

### 7.8 Raw materials use management

The site does not use a high level of non-renewable resources (water/ energy), or produce a high volume of greenhouse gases. Small volumes of fresh water are used on site as a part of product make-up.

### 7.9 Management of other environmentally relevant issues

The site does not have any environmentally hazardous materials such as Asbestos, PBC's, Poisons or Ozone depleting substances which require specific

### 8 MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

The site does not have a formal monitoring program. There is some monitoring undertaken to monitor the groundwater contamination on site. The approach for groundwater monitoring is described below

Plant / Monitoring Point	Parameters Monitored	Monitoring Frequency	Units	How /Responsible
Numerous test wells	Within all	Monthly		Site personnel
*	boundaries of	Annual		3 <sup>rd</sup> party
	the site			environmental contractor

### 9 EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

The site has processes to evaluate:

- Compliance with legal requirements and other obligations
- Environmental performance, impacts and trends
- Effectiveness of the site's environmental management system

### 9.1 Evaluation of legal compliance

The site undertakes the following processes to validate legal compliance to site specific and general legal obligations: Gibraltar Site has an annual review of the Federal (ERD) Factory Licence and its requirements prior to annual renewal of said Licence. This validation also ensures that critical environmental controls are effective and suitable for minimising environmental legal compliance risks from the activities being undertaken at the site.

### 9.2 Evaluation of environmental performance and impacts

The site has undertaken the following processes to validate the site's environmental performance and environmental impacts. Gibraltar site has done an entire Hazard Study suite as well as Risk Assessments (JSERAs) for all site processes. Any incidents with an environmental I impact are investigated and actions are taken to put controls in place. The Alteration Authority system is used to ensure all changes or modifications have no adverse environmental impact. This validation also ensures that critical environmental controls are effective and suitable for minimising environmental impact risks from the activities being undertaken at the site.

### 9.3 Evaluation of environmental management system

The site undertakes the following processes to validate the effectiveness of the site's environmental management system:

The site's environmental management is under constant review. An annual update of the document and review of its currency is performance by the site SHEC Advisor. In addition a number of supporting reviews and assessment also feed information into this evaluation.

Assessment / review	Period	Responsible Person	Last Completed
SHES ManagementSystems Audit	4 Yearly	Corporate	2014
Environmental Compliance review	Annual	Site SHES Advisor	2017
EMP Conformance	Yearly	Site Supervisor	2017

Any actions determined from an audit and subsequent responses to close out actions are stored in the Action Management Database which is accessible by all Orica personnel.

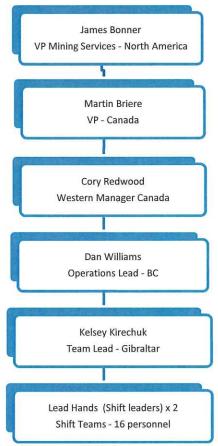
### 9.4 Environmental improvement plans

Where the site evaluation processes identify that site performance is not at the required level, improvement actions are identified and included in the Annual SHEC Improvement Plan. The sites SHES Improvement plan is developed in accordance with the procedure SHE-GBL-PRO-PGT-001 SHEC Objectives, Targets & Improvement Plans. A copy of the annual improvement plan can be found at the Site Leader's Office.

- Update of the site EMP
- Regulations check to ensure all required licenses and permits are held by the site.

### 10 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ELEMENTS

### 10.1 Organisational Structure



### 10.2 Environmental Roles & Responsibilities

The following table describes key site roles and responsibilities for environmental management and performance:

Position	Environmental Responsibilities
Team Leader	Accountability for daily operations at site Communications & Updates for environmental improvement opportunities and environmental performance (including incidents) Identify potential trends in SHEC performance Ensure SHEC Audits are undertaken at required periods Report all environmental incidents (actual or potential Review / Update site EMP as required
Senior operators	To comply with site EMP Assist in review / update of site EMP as required Promote environmental awareness for all operators Comply with site procedures Report all environmental incidents (actual or potential)
Operators	Comply with site procedures Undertake all site training to maintain awareness of environmental risks

Report all environmental incidents (actual or potential) to the Senior operators or site Team Leader as per site procedures
To comply with site EMP

### 10.3 Environmental awareness, training and competence

Training	Who	Frequency
Site Induction - Environment	Everyone	Annual
Waste Management	Everyone	Annual
Factory Licence Awareness	Everyone	Annual

Note: Environmental Impacts are considered when site is developing procedures on site and that any relevant environmental aspects are written into the procedures.

### 10.4 Environmental Communications

The following internal and external communications are established to communicate environmental incidents / events / non-compliances, improvement opportunities, performance results, regulator interactions and risks

### Internal Communications

Describe the kinds of internal / site communications used for environmental issues -

Subject	Audience	Method	Frequency	
Toolbox Talks	Employees	verbal	Daily	
Shift Handover Meeting	Employees	Verbal/documented		
Weekly Leadership Team meeting				
Site wide Monthly SHES Meeting	Employees	Printed Document	Bi-monthly	
Annual Management Review / SHES				
Planning Meeting				
Incident 12/24 hour reports				
Significant Incident Alerts and Bulletins	Employees	Posted	As	per
			frequency	
Weekly SHES Report				
Monthly SHES Report				

### **External Communications**

The following external communication methods are used for external communication of site environmental issues:

Subject	Audience	Method	Frequency
Incidents	Environment regulator	Data base	As req'd

### 10.5 Control of relevant environmental documents and records

All environmentally relevant documents are stored within the sites document management system.

### Controlled documents

The following table summarises key controlled environmental documents and their storage location:

Document	Storage Location	
Environment Policy	Lunchroom	
Environmental Management Manual	By office	

### Environmental Records

The following table summarises key environmental records that are required to be maintained by the site and their storage location:

Include a reference to what licence or permit requires the record to be kept

Record	Retention Time	Storage Location	
E2 Environmental Registration	Indefinite	Office	
NRCan Factory License	Indefinite	Office	

### Management of Change

Major plant changes or modifications are subject to the Alteration Authority (Orica Change Management Procedure RM-03) Process, with Hazard reviews (including HAZOP) completed where appropriate. Changes associated with day to day operations including maintenance activities are undertaken with like-for-like changes.

Updated or new management plans are required to be checked and signed off by relevant personnel within Orica. The site management team is responsible for ensuring that the management of change process is followed on site.

### 10.6 Emergency Preparedness and Response

The site maintains a detailed Emergency Response Plan, is regularly reviewed and tested on site at least annually. The emergency response plan has been established in accordance federal and provincial requirements and the Orica model procedure SR-11A Emergency Plans. Employees and contractors are provided training in the emergency procedures on site.

### 10.7 Managing Non-conformance and corrective actions

The site manages non-conformance and corrective actions in accordance with the Orica SHEC Management System procedure BG-06B Incident Management and Corrective Action.

### 10.8 Environmental Management Plan Review

The site completes both a targeted and comprehensive review of the EMP on a regular basis. Site Management responsible for ensuring relevant reviews are completed and comprehensive. The following activities will be completed during each review:

Annual Targeted Review	Comprehensive Review (3 yearly)
Update site organisational structure (when changes occur)	Review all content in the EMP against the current version of the Group Procedure (SHE-GBL-PRO-ENV-001) and relevant guidelines, and update accordingly
Update any areas in which actions have impacted the content included in the EMP	Review all general and site specific legal requirements including new versions of requirements. Update accordingly.

Update licences / agreements including expiration / issue dates (when changes occur)	Review impacts and aspects register. Validate all significant impacts.
Update monitoring requirements (when changes occur)	Update any new improvement program processes (when changes occur)
Include any new impacts / aspects if activities have altered on site or new activities have been introduced.	Review training requirements and E training packages
Update references to controlled documents or files (when changes occur)	Review of standards in which monitoring is completed to, to ensure the method used is being followed and the site is in compliance.

### 11 REFERENCES

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SHE-GTR-EMP-ENV-002 Gibraltar Environmental Aspects Id
SHE-GTR-EMP-ENV-003 Gibraltar Aspects and Impacts Register

### SHES Management System

SHE-GBL-POL-002 Environment Policy
SHE-GBL-FOR-ENV-001 Impact and Aspect Register

SHE-GBL-FOR-ENV-002 Environmental Aspects Checklist Licence and Regulations Checklist

### SHES Model Procedure

BG-06B Incident Management and Corrective Action

PI-12A SH&E Critical Equipment RM-03A Management of Change SR-11A Emergency Plans

### NOV 08 2017

File No: 3360-20/20170029

Refer	ed ToAD	VISORY PLANNING COMMISSION RESPONSE FORM
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		Recording Secretary Day SARNCE
		Owners/Agent, or  Contacted but declined to attend
	ABSENT:	
	ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area Director Staff support (if present)  Led Armstrong .
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	Time:  Recording Secretary	A Bulmy Chair

### RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

File No: 3360-20/20170029

Date: July 5, 2018

Location: McLeese Lake Community Hall

e: CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL CARIBOO AREA RURAL LAND USE

AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 5121, 2017

Persons Present:				
	Director: Owner(s): Agent: Public: See attached list Staff: No public in attendance (excluding owner/s	ngent)		
	Waited ten (10) minutes and then called th	e meeting adjourned.		
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	The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 7	<del>*****</del> *		
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Signature of Chair

### Nyree Alexander

From:

Havan Surat

Sent:

October-23-18 9:56 AM

To:

Nyree Alexander Shivani Sajwan

Cc: Subject:

FW: Follow-up Watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site

Nyree – we need to add this item for adoption for November as well.

**Havan Surat,** MRAIC, FIIA

Manager of Development Services
hsurat@cariboord.ca



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From: Shivani Sajwan

Sent: October 23, 2018 9:55 AM

To: Havan Surat < hsurat@cariboord.ca>

Subject: FW: Follow-up Watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site

FYI

Shivani Sajwan, MCP, B.Arch. Planning Officer ssajwan@cariboord.ca



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From: Mark Asquith | EDI < masquith@edynamics.com >

Sent: October 23, 2018 9:50 AM

To: Shivani Sajwan <ssajwan@cariboord.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Follow-up Watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site

Hello Shivani,

You are correct in saying that there are no streams adjacent to the Orica Facility near Gibraltar Mine.

On IMAP BC ( <a href="http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/sv/imapbc/">http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/sv/imapbc/</a>) it lists that there are two mapped watercourses on the west side of the facility. After the ground truthing exercise on September 21, 2018, it was determined that the mapped watercourses are in fact drainages. More specifically the northwestern drainage is an NCD (non-classifiable drainage) which has less than 100m of continuous stream channel throughout the drainage and the southwestern watercourse was an NVC (No visible channel).

May the CRD accept this email as an appendix to the "follow-up watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site" Report published Oct. 1, 2018.

If you have any further questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

### Mark Asquith | EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc. | t. 1.250.562.5412

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From: Shivani Sajwan <ssajwan@cariboord.bc.ca>

**Sent:** October 23, 2018 9:08 AM **To:** masquith@edynamics.com

Subject: Follow-up Watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site

Good morning Mark,

This is in regards to the recent follow-up watercourse assessment conducted at Orica's Gibraltar Site.

What I am understanding from your report is that there is no stream present on site. If this is the case, can you please send me a clear statement stating the same?

It will help the CRD Board to better understand the report's outcome.

You can either add a statement in the follow-up report as a conclusion or at least send me an email clarifying the result of watercourse assessment conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018.

For your reference, I am attaching the same report that you have submitted.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Shivani Sajwan, MCP, B.Arch. Planning Officer ssajwan@cariboord.ca

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### Memorandum



To: Matthew Isenor, TerraWest Environmental Inc

Dan Williams and Jeff Powers, Orica Limited

From: Mark As

Mark Asquith, Environmental Technologist

Date: October 1, 2018

Project No: 18P0478

**Re:** Follow-up watercourse assessment at Orica's Gibraltar Site

EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc. conducted a follow-up site visit at the Orica Facility near the Gibraltar Mine on September 21, 2018 to gather additional information on the two mapped unnamed watercourses near the northwest and southwest extent of the facility. An overview assessment was conducted during the initial visit on August 11, 2018 where three non-classified drainages¹ (NCD) were identified on the west side of the laydown area (Drainages 1-3). The northern mapped watercourse (Watercourse 4) was defaulted to an S4 classification based on the characteristics observed within the assessed segment (approximately 200 m from the facility).

During the follow-up assessment, Watercourse 4 was assessed for approximately 1 km downstream from the facility. The watercourse originated at a culvert outlet associated with a perimeter drainage of the Orica office and shop building, and the defined channel continued for approximately 125 m (Photo 1). The discharge of concentrated runoff from the facility had resulted in the development of the defined channel. The channel was poorly defined from 125 m to 300 m downstream of the facility with areas heavily impacted by livestock use (Photo 2). Approximately 300 m downstream, flow went subsurface and a channel could not be located (Photo 3). Occasional surface water was observed between 300 m and 1 km downstream (Photo 4). Based on the characteristics observed during the follow-up assessment and the lack of downstream connectivity, the upper 1 km of this watercourse is classified as an NCD.

The mapped watercourse south of the laydown site was also assessed during the follow-up site visit. A channel was not observed during the assessment. The mapped watercourse is classified as a non-visible channel (NVC)<sup>1</sup>.

Watercourse classifications for the mapped watercourses and the previously assessed drainages are provided in Figure 1. The track of the assessment completed on September 21, 2018 is also documented in Figure 1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fish-stream Identification Guidebook, Second Edition. Available at:



We trust that the information provided within this memorandum meets your expectations. If you have any questions or comments regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact myself at <a href="masquith@edynamics.com">masquith@edynamics.com</a>. I may also be reached at our Prince George Office at (250) 562-5412 or on my cell at 250-640-1241.

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

**EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc.** 

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Mark Asquith BSc, AScT

Eric O'Bryan, RPBio, Senior Biologist/Project Manager

### Attachments:

-Photographs

-Figure 1. Map of the Follow-up Watercourse Assessment at Gibraltar Mine





Photo 1. Watercourse 4 defined channel (September 21, 2018).



Photo 2. Watercourse 4, poorly defined channel impacted by livestock (September 21, 2018).





Photo 3. Watercourse 4, no visible channel (September 21, 2018).



Photo 4. Watercourse 4, areas of pooled surface water, no defined channel (September 21, 2018).

