

## Federal Authority Advice Record Form

Eskay Creek Revitalization Project – Skeena Resources Ltd.

**Response due by September 7, 2021**

Please submit the form to: [EskayCreek@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:EskayCreek@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

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1. **Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?**

*Indigenous Services Canada is not responsible for approving or issuing licenses, permits, or authorizations for the assessments of large, proposed projects.*

2. **Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?**

*Indigenous Services Canada has specialized knowledge pertaining to Indigenous peoples. Areas of expertise include but are not limited to; the provision of health services, community health and wellness programs, and drinking water on First Nations reserves and other social determinants of health.*

*Indigenous Services Canada also has information on and knowledge of Indigenous matters on Federal lands. Indigenous Services Canada has a mandate to support Indigenous people (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) in their efforts to improve social well-being and economic prosperity; to develop healthier, more sustainable communities; and to participate more fully in Canada's political, social and economic development*

3. **Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?**

*Indigenous Services Canada will not exercise a power or perform a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project.*

4. **Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)**

*Indigenous Services Canada did not have previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project.*

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5. **Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?**

*Indigenous Services Canada is in possession of some specialist knowledge potentially relevant to the project's assessment and, as such, may be involved in disclosing/sharing information related to Indigenous communities (if it is deemed that such communities could be impacted by the Project). This information could pertain to socio-economic and health baseline conditions in the communities.*

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6. **From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?**

*The proposed Project encompasses the construction, operation and closure of an open-pit gold and silver mine located approximately 85 kilometres northwest of Stewart, British Columbia. The Project is expected to produce up to three million tonnes of ore per year during a 13-16 year mine life. The proposed Project would be located at the same site as the underground Eskay Creek mine which is no longer operating, however the current Proponent – Skeena Resources Ltd. Is expecting to utilize some of its' existent facilities and infrastructure.*

*Although Indigenous Services Canada is aware of the close relations Skeena Resources Ltd has with Tahltan First Nation and its' commitment to DRIPA-based negotiations, ISC acknowledges that there are concerns surrounding impacts to Indigenous communities from both non-project participant and project-participant nations.. Concerns surrounding impacts to Indigenous communities are largely centred around:*

- *loss of food security (traditional foods);*
- *loss of lands with native habitats and associated wildlife;*
- *impacts to soils, waters and fish habitat;*
- *loss of habitat for migratory birds;*
- *localized climatic changes due to potential emissions during construction, operation and decommissioning;*
- *social well-being and economic prosperity;*
- *impacts to sacred sites and other cultural and heritage-sensitive areas; and*
- *cumulative effects due to significant oil, gas, forestry and mining development activities over the past several decades.*

*Indigenous Services Canada does not have any through legislative or regulatory mechanisms that could manage the potential adverse/incidental effects of the Project. ISC would not issue any licence, permit, authorization or approval for this project.*

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