

## ATTACHMENT

### Federal Authority Advice Record: Designation Request under IAA

Response due by **December 13, 2021**

PADCOM Potash Solution Mining Project

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1. Has your department or agency considered whether it has an interest in 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 (including provision of financial assistance) that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

*“Indigenous Services Canada has considered an interest in the Project related to impacts on Indigenous peoples and the rights of Indigenous peoples. ISC has not 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 (including provision of financial assistance) that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part.”*

2. 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 licences, permits or authorizations for the assessments of large, proposed projects.”*

3. If your department or agency will exercise a power or perform a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project, will it involve public and Indigenous consultation?

*“Not Applicable for Indigenous Services Canada.”*

4. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to any potential adverse effects within federal jurisdiction caused by the Project or adverse direct or incidental effects stemming from 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.*

5. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other parties in relation to the Project?

*Indigenous Services Canada has not had previous involvement with the proponent or other parties in relation to the Project.*

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6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, does the Project have the potential to cause adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or adverse direct or incidental effects as described in section 2 of IAA? Could any of those effects be managed through legislative or regulatory mechanisms administered by your department or agency? If a licence, permit, authorization or approval may be issued, could it include conditions in relation to those effects?

*The Proposed Project encompasses the construction and operation of a facility with the purpose of extracting and processing potash. The Project is being proposed by Potash and Agri Development Corporation of Manitoba (PADCOM) Ltd and will be located in the Hamlet of Harrowby, approximately 14km west of Russell, Manitoba and is designed to produce up to 250,000 tonnes/yr of potash with an expected lifespan of over 100 years.*

*Although the project is expected to provide positive economic opportunities for nearby Indigenous communities, concerns surrounding impacts to Indigenous communities exist which may be relevant to Section 2(c) of IAA 2019.. 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.*

7. Does your department or agency have a program or additional authority that may be relevant and could be considered as a potential solution to concerns expressed about the Project? In particular, the following issues have been raised by the requester:
- a. Impacts on water quality through expected or accidental release (e.g., hot brine spills/leaks)
  - b. Impacts on water quantity due to withdrawal from aquifer
  - c. GHG emissions
  - d. Pipeline crossings of watercourses, rail and transmission lines
  - e. Effects to fish and fish habitat

*Indigenous Services Canada does not have programs, additional authorities that may be relevant and could be considered as a potential solution to concerns related to impacts on water quality expected or accidental release, impacts on water quantity due to withdrawal from aquifer, GHG emissions, pipeline crossings of watercourses, rail and transmissions lines or effects to fish and fish habitat.*

8. If your department has guidance material that would be helpful to the proponent or the Agency, please include these as attachments or hyperlinks in your response.

*Indigenous Services Canada does not have additional guidance materials that would be helpful to the proponent or the Agency at this point in time.*

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