

**Resolution in Support of Requesting Government-to-Government Consultation
RE: Panther Minerals Mining Exploration
Native Village of Elim, City of Elim, Elim Native Corporation**

Resolution # 2024-02

WHEREAS, the Tubutulik River Watershed is encompassed almost entirely within Elim Native Corporation land; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Elim, City of Elim, and Elim Native Corporation (Elim Tri-Entities) are committed to acting with a unified voice for the conservation and restoration of the Tubutulik River salmon fisheries to protect our traditional way of life and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Elim is a Federally recognized tribal government and the Elim IRA Council is the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the federal government including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has a Trust Responsibility to protect the interests of Federally Recognized Tribal governments;

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Elim community depends on salmon to sustain its cultural, traditional, spiritual, and economic well-being and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Elim Tri-Entities seek to reaffirm their support for habitat protections that would ensure the sustainability of the Tubutulik River salmon to provide for healthy populations for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Elim community has already experienced substantial hardship from declines in salmon populations due to intercept issues, bycatch in the ocean, and rising ocean and freshwater temperatures; and

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Elim has spent substantial funds in relation to consultation and legal fights with the State of Alaska regarding declines in salmon populations due to intercept issues, bycatch in the ocean, and rising ocean and freshwater temperatures. This has resulted in substantial financial hardship for the Tribe;

WHEREAS, Mining activity in the Tubutulik River Watershed will impact salmon spawning and rearing areas and impede the recovery efforts conducted by the local community, as well as exacerbate declines in fish and wildlife populations due to impacts from climate change;

WHEREAS, Exploration and mining in the pristine and prolific Tubutulik River Watershed will have detrimental impacts on human health in the Tubutulik Watershed and throughout the Norton Bay area;

WHEREAS, Vancouver, British Columbia Mining company – Panther Minerals Inc. (PM) recently announced plans for its summer 2024 exploration program at the Boulder Creek

uranium property, located in the southeastern Seward Peninsula, 160 km east of Nome, Alaska at the headwaters of the Tubutulik River (“Boulder Creek”);

WHEREAS, According to its May 6, 2024 press release building “on foundational fieldwork and initial drilling from 1978 to 1981 by Houston Oil & Minerals and 2006-2008 by Triex mining companies PM is setting the stage for a comprehensive 2024 summer campaign. Preparations include reviewing historical data, coordinating logistics, assembling field personnel, and establishing a base camp for initiating surface geology and re-testing historical drill targets;

WHEREAS, PM also “intends to further examine areas northwest of the Boulder Creek area, extending some 25 kilometers along the western margin of the Death Valley basin towards and beyond the Fireweed showing (discovered by Triex in 2007) on the south flank of the eastern Bendeleben mountains;”

WHEREAS, PM intends to significantly expand mining exploration activity in order “to enhance the understanding of the mineralogical composition and potentially expand the zones of interest;”

WHEREAS, PM is in the process of submitting permit applications to the BLM and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a 15 to 20 person camp and reconstruction of an ATV trail, at the Property and possibly the nearby Fireweed area. The camp is expected to begin construction in June;

WHEREAS, despite repeated requests by the Norton Bay Watershed Council, for information and copies of a mining exploration permit submitted by PM to the BLM, to conduct the above activities, the agency has failed to respond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Elim Tri-Entities have serious concerns about the renewal of mining exploration in the Boulder Creek Property particularly due to the planned dramatic expansion of such exploration activities over and above those of previous mining companies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Elim Tri-Entities request any and all copies of applications submitted by Panther Minerals related to mining activity regarding the Boulder Creek or Fireweed properties that have been submitted to the BLM and DNR and an opportunity to respond to such applications before any such activities takes place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Native Village of Elim requests that the Bureau of Land Management engage in Government-to-Government consultation prior to authorizing any activity related to the Panther Minerals mining activity regarding the Boulder Creek or Fireweed property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Elim Tri-Entities request that any application submitted by Panther Minerals related to mining activity regarding the Boulder Creek or Fireweed properties that have been submitted to the BLM and DNR be denied.

The foregoing resolution was voted on at a regularly scheduled Tri-Entity meeting on May 30, 2024 with a quorum present and the vote for the Resolution: 20 in favor; 0 opposing; and 0 votes for abstention


President:


Robert Keith – Elim IRA Council

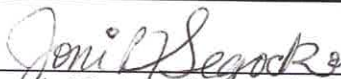
President

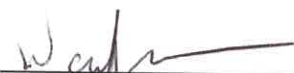

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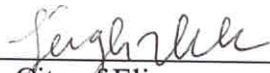
Mayor


Paul Nagarik, City of Elim

Attest:

Secretary: 
Darla Jemewouk, Native Village of Elim

Secretary: 
John Jemewouk, Elim Native Corporation

Secretary: 
Leigh Takak, City of Elim