



TAKU RIVER TLINGIT FIRST NATION TAKES ACTION AGAINST DOUBLEVIEW GOLD CORPORATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF TLINGIT LAWS

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July 31, 2023 – Wèinaa (Atlin), BC – Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) has taken a resolute stand by issuing a Stop Work Order to Doubleview Gold Corporation and Terracad Geoscience Services Ltd. in response to past and ongoing unlawful exploration and mining activities at the Hat Property, located within Taku River Tlingit Territory.

In breach of Taku River Tlingit law, Doubleview and Terracad have not sought or obtained consent from TRTFN to any exploratory mining activities at the Hat Property, and have harmed a culturally significant archaeological site and recklessly endangered a protected wetland through their exploration activities.

“Disregard for our laws and our land will not be tolerated” says Jinik (Charmaine Thom), Spokesperson for the Taku River Tlingit. “Free, prior, and informed consent by indigenous people with respect to developments and activities on our land is a fundamental right affirmed and supported by the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.”

Pursuant to this Stop Work Order, Doubleview and Terracad are prohibited from performing any further exploration or mining activities on the Hat Property, effective immediately. Any project proposed within TRTFN Territory, including Doubleview and Terracad’s exploration activities on the Hat Property, must comply with Taku River Tlingit law, which includes the TRTFN Mining Policy. Central to these laws is the obligation to seek and obtain Taku River Tlingit consent.

In addition to breaching Taku River Tlingit law, the Government of British Columbia has issued numerous orders since 2020 to these same companies in regards to their activities at the Hat Property, citing reasons such as prohibited drilling near a wetland, improper fuel storage, coolant drainage on the ground, and improper staff training among others.

The Hat Property is also situated within the T’akú Tslatsini Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (TIPCA), which was officially declared in January 2023. The mandate of TIPCA is to preserve Lingít kusteeyí - the Tlingit Way of Living - while providing opportunities for sustainable land-based practices in the Atlin-Taku region. TIPCA protects the T’akú watershed to preserve salmon rivers, spawning areas, landscapes crucial for wildlife and clean water, and allows for resource development in designated special management areas where it is conducted responsibly, sustainably, and with Taku River Tlingit’s consent.

TRTFN welcomes collaboration on projects that foster sustainable economic opportunities aligned with Taku River Tlingit cultural values, and has celebrated consent-based agreements with several responsible companies within its Territory where that collaboration is carried out meaningfully and in compliance with Taku River Tlingit law. Many Taku River Tlingit citizens are also employed within the resource industry in Taku River Tlingit Territory, and those jobs rely on companies acting responsibly.

“The expectations of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) are clear” says Spokesperson Thom “the standard in all of our relationships - with partners, developers, and mining companies - begins with consent agreements with our nation and our people.”



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