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**TO:** NORTHWEST BC COMMUNITIES

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**SUBJECT:** PRETIVM CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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Pretivm is following COVID-19 infection prevention guidance and directives as updated by federal, provincial and regional authorities in respect of general and minesite-specific protocols to operate the Brucejack Mine. The camp environments are reassessed daily to minimize the possibilities for transmission of infection.

Relevant guidance is provided by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (EMPR) *Guidance to mining and smelting operations during COVID-19* (March 23, 2020); and BC Centre for Disease Control *Protecting Industrial Camp Workers, Contractors, and Employers Working in the Agricultural, Forestry, and Natural Resource Sectors During the COVID-19 Pandemic* (July 28, 2020).

The following protocols are in effect at Brucejack Mine:

### **Restricted Mine and Camps Access**

- The Brucejack Mine is off-limits to anyone who has travelled anywhere outside of Canada within the last 14 days; mandatory self-isolation for recent travel is in effect.
- A list of personnel working onsite is updated daily.

### **Crew Transportation**

- The number of crew buses transporting workers to Brucejack has been increased to provide for social distancing during transit.
- Mine personnel are permitted to self-drive to the property access point at Highway 37 from select local points.
- Health screening of in-bound workers is in effect at all access points to the mine for signs of illness. Health screening includes assessment of any present symptoms, recent travel history, potential personal interactions with people who are ill, and temperature reading.
- Health checks are being conducted by qualified health personnel at pick-up points for crew buses (Smithers, Terrace, and Kitwanga) and at the Highway 37 security point for employees who self-drive.
- Crew transportation for surface and underground operations has been increased to accommodate social distancing.
- Masks are required to be worn during all transportation.

### **Social Distancing**

- Social distancing is enforced on- and off-shift.
- Mandatory mask usage is required in all common areas including during meetings of any kind regardless of the 2-meter social distancing.
- The main dining hall has been configured to allow no more than 50 people. Common areas are demarcated where possible to promote physical separation of 2 meters.
- Use of camp recreational areas is at a reduced capacity.

- Meetings are kept to limited numbers, and essential gatherings are limited to no more than 50 people at a maximum.
- Underground vehicles are being operated to ensure worker distancing with limited number of passengers per vehicle and mandatory mask use.

### **Hygiene**

- Common areas, including dining rooms, hallways, buses, offices and “high-touch” surfaces are being disinfected with greater frequency.
- Food service has been restricted to service by kitchen staff only, including utensils, in order to avoid points of common contact with service items.
- Condiments are in individual serving packages.
- Salad bars and snack bins have been taken out of service and replaced with containers of individual prepared servings.
- Hand hygiene protocols are being enforced.
- While underground, workers wear custom-fitted masks with particulate filters.

### **Self-isolation at Minesite Camps**

- Camp facilities at Brucejack support self-isolation with personal washrooms.
- Any individual who is experiencing symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 (sore throat, fever, sneezing, or coughing) are isolated in-room and evaluated by the medical provider.
- Symptoms are monitored and further care/need for isolation is supported accordingly.

### **On-site Medical Services at Brucejack Mine**

The Brucejack Mine is located in a remote location and needs to be self-sufficient. We maintain an on-site primary care clinic that can respond effectively with emergency and non-emergency care for our site workforce. Medical staff include remote-care nurses and advanced-care paramedics under the guidance of two off-site physicians. Physicians are on-call to provide guidance or instruction to on-site staff as needed. The Brucejack site is equipped for emergency medical evacuation, including cases suspected to be contagious.

Clinic staff are monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and are engaged with Northern Health, the regional authority, to continuously discuss and manage Pretivm’s operational response.

### **Communication**

Pretivm appreciates the risks that COVID-19 presents to our remote and dispersed workforce, and the communities in northwest BC where access to healthcare can be geographically challenging. We are committed to keeping our employees informed and updated on the crisis and engaging with neighboring communities in the region.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Aldea Lavallie, Community Relations Manager, Pretivm Exploration at 1 778 210 0175 or email at [alavallie@pretivm.com](mailto:alavallie@pretivm.com)

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