

GENERATION PGM

News Brief

The Reinstatement of the Marathon Palladium Environmental Assessment Report

In September 2019, Generation PGM Inc. (GenPGM) confirmed with the Impact Assessment (IA) Agency the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Marathon Palladium Project would continue under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA, 2012). The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) information for the Project was found to be sufficient by the Joint Review Panel (JRP) in 2014, however, shortly after the public hearings were declared the Project was put on pause. GenPGM announced the official restart of the EA process in July 2020, and is able to pick up generally from where the Project was paused. Some aspects of the EIS will need to be refreshed to account for regulatory changes, passage of time and optimization of Project design. GenPGM has updated the baseline reports to incorporate these changes, and included additional data from field programs, that in some cases, have been carried on throughout the pause. These updated baseline reports were submitted to the IA Agency November 13, 2020. To give public, government and communities time to refamiliarize themselves with the Project, GenPGM has decided to submit the updated EA documentation in a staggered approach prior to the commencement of the JRP and commencement of public review in early 2021.

The importance of this process is not only to consider the effects on the valued ecosystem components (VECs) within the Project footprint, but to mitigate and possibly eliminate any potentially negative effects on the surrounding communities, to ensure that quality of life for individuals and communities is protected. Examples of studies conducted by GenPGM to understand potential Project effects locally and regionally include: terrestrial surveys (bird monitoring, mammals, insects, plants) groundwater and surface water surveying, air quality monitoring, aquatic life surveys and identifying potential Cultural Heritage sites.

An important aspect of the Environmental Assessment process is public participation and engagement. Although public health orders prevented large face to face gatherings, we continue to host virtual open houses, and make ourselves available to receive feedback to ensure we are taking into consideration concerns and suggestions moving forward.



More Information on the Project can be found at www.genmining.com/projects/ and the Impact Assessment Registry at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/54755?culture=en-CA>

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