

Date: 14th October 2025

RE: THE CONJOINED PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRIES INCLUDING:

- 1. 2021/C005 - a Public Local Inquiry under Section 26(10) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for planning application LA10/2017/1249/F on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd for *'Underground valuable minerals mining and exploration, surface level development including processing plant and other associated development and ancillary works'*, Greencastle, County Tyrone at lands 165m West of No. 45 Camcosy Road to the junction of Camcosy Road and Crockanboy Road to Lands 47m to the South East of No. 73 Crockanboy Road.**
- 2. 2021/C006 – a Public Local Inquiry under Section 29(6) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for planning application LA10/2019/1386/F on behalf of NIE Networks for a *'33kV power line involving both construction of above ground 33kV overhead line supported by wooden poles and underground 33kV cable laid below ground level in ducts, to serve Curraghinalt mine (currently under consideration - planning application LA10/2017/1249/F). 33kV connection is c37.9 km in length, comprising of c26.9 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c11 km of underground cabling c 15.1 km of the powerline is within the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area comprising of c 8.2 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c 6.9 km of underground cabling'* at lands 737m NW of 56 Mullydoo Road Greencastle through townlands of Crockanboy Teebane West Casorna Rousky Drumlea Garvagh Meenadoo Trinamadan and Culvacullion ending at 785m NW of 24 Meenadoo Road, Culvacullion, Gortin'.**
- 3. 2021/C007 – a Public Local Inquiry under Section 29(6) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for planning application LA11/2019/1000/F on behalf of NIE Networks for *'a 33kV power line involving both construction of above ground 33kV overhead line supported by wooden poles and underground 33kV cable laid below ground level in ducts, to serve Curraghinalt mine (currently under consideration planning application LA10/2017/1249/F). 33kV connection is c37.9 km in length, comprising of c26.9 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c11 km of underground cabling. c 22.8 km of the powerline is within the Derry City & Strabane District Council area comprising of c 18.7km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c 4.1 km of underground cabling'* at lands Adjoining 89 Woodend Road Ballymagorry through townlands of Ballymagorry, Woodend, Milltown, Ballee, Holly-hill, Kennaghan, Owenreagh, Knockanbrack, Lagvittal,**

Knocklnarvoer, Craginagapple, Lagavadder, Ballykeery, Craigatuke, Meendamp, Balix Upper, Letterbrat Glencoppogagh (Main Portion) Aghalane and Lisnacraight ending at 681m NW of 24 Meenadoo Road, Culvacullion, Gortin.

Dear Sir/Madam

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI), the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) have asked the Commission to conduct Public Local Inquiries to consider representations made in respect of the applications listed above comprising of the 'Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold)'. The hearing sessions commenced on 13th January 2025. On 15th January, the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) requested that the hearings be suspended to allow them to undertake transboundary consultation in respect of the planning applications LA10/2017/1249/F (2021/C005), LA10/2019/1386/F (2021/C006) and LA11/2019/1000/F (2021/C007). This consultation process gave rise to circa 1600 letters of representation which were submitted to DfI and subsequently passed to the Commission to be considered at the public inquiry. An addendum has been added to the Procedures Document to address the exceptional circumstances arising due to the introduction of transboundary parties after the public inquiry had commenced and their ability to view the statements of case and rebuttals that have been submitted to the inquiry to date.

As you have made a representation at the transboundary stage, you are invited to participate in the public inquiry. If you wish to rely on your original letter of representation, no further action is required. Given your ability to view existing evidence, if you wish to participate further you are asked to make one written submission by the deadline set. Any written statements received by the Commission by the relevant deadline will be provided to existing participants. There will be no opportunity for further written submissions. Any matters arising will be discussed at the hearing sessions.

The Commission will reconvene the public local inquiries at **10.30am on Monday 13th April 2026**. These will be held in person at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh. Further details, including a draft timetable will be communicated to parties via the Commission's website by **4pm on 9th March 2026**.

As per the revised "*Procedures for the Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold) conjoined Public Local Inquiries*" (as updated) document published on the Commission's website you are encouraged to pool resources together with people with common cause in nominating representatives to speak at the inquiries.

Separate statements of evidence are requested for two elements of the inquiry. You may submit a statement of evidence for one or both elements. The arrangements are as follows:

- (i) A statement of evidence for the Curraghinalt Mine Project (LA10/2017/1249/F) which should not exceed 2,500 words.

- (ii) A statement of evidence for the Curraghinalt 33Kv Project (including both LA10/2019/1386/F and LA11/2019/1000/F) which should not exceed 2,500 words.

Please ensure that all statements of evidence are submitted to the Commission by **4.00pm** on **Thursday 4th December 2025**. Statements of evidence must be no more than **2,500 words** and may be submitted electronically. If longer than 2500 words an executive summary must be provided. However, there were a number of participants who submitted statements of case previously but did not supply e mail addresses and therefore a full electronic exchange of evidence cannot occur. Parties are therefore asked to supply **an electronic copy** and **10 hardcopies** by the date specified.

The Departments, whilst reserving their opinions on the final outcome of the applications, will be expected to give clear views on each of the main issues before the inquiries. All parties will have an opportunity to comment on any suggested conditions. The conditions will be discussed on a without prejudice basis.

The Commission proposes to conduct the reconvened inquiries using a combination of formal and informal hearing procedures. However, invoking formal procedures will be at the discretion of the presiding Commissioners. Written evidence will be taken as read. The inquiries will work through an agenda prepared by the Commissioners, who will lead a round table discussion on each agenda item in turn. Before moving on from each item, the Commissioners will give all parties an opportunity for submissions to cover any issues pertinent to that item. After the conjoined inquiries, the Commission will prepare the separate reports with recommendations on the issues raised within the representations to the respective Departments. The final decision on all the applications will rest with the Departments.

As referred to above, the Commission has produced a bespoke booklet entitled "*Procedures for the Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold) conjoined Public Local Inquiries*". The booklet can be downloaded from our website www.pacni.gov.uk. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Administrative Officer

SUMMARY OF ARRANGEMENTS

Statements of evidence by:- **4pm on 4th December 2025**
Inquiries reconvene at:- **10.30am on 13th April 2026**