

Date: 14th October 2025

RE: THE CONJOINED PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRIES COMPRISING OF:

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

4. 2021/WHR01 – a Public Local Inquiry under Schedule 1, paragraph (3) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 for a consent to discharge application TrC 080/20_1 – DAERA, on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.
5. 2021/WHR02 - a Public Local Inquiry under Schedule 1, paragraph (3) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 for a consent to discharge application Ltd TrC 081/20_1 – DAERA, on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.
6. 2024/WHR01 – a Public Local Inquiry under Regulation 17 of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licencing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 for application AIL 2024 0008 – NIEA, to abstract and impound water on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.
7. 2024/WHR02 - a Public Local Inquiry under Regulation 17 of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licencing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 for application AIL 2024 0009 – NIEA, to abstract and impound water on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.
8. 2021/DR001 – a Public Local Inquiry for a proposed road abandonment order for part of the Crockanboy Road for application (IN1-21-5706) under paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 of the Roads Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.

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.

Individuals who have made representations at the transboundary stage will be invited to participate in the public inquiry. If they wish to rely on their original letter of representation, no further action is required. Given their ability to view existing evidence, those who wish to participate further will be 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 is now in a position to set out the revised arrangements and is notifying you as an existing participant that 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**.)

The Commission has produced a bespoke booklet entitled "*Procedures for the Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold) conjoined Public Local Inquiries*" (as updated). 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

Inquiries reconvene at:- **10.30am on 13th April 2026**