

Prophecy to Submit Key State Permit Applications by end of Q3 2019 for Its Gibellini Vanadium Project

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VANCOUVER, July 19, 2019 - Prophecy Development Corp. (Prophecy or the Company) (TSX:PCY, OTCQX:PRPCF, Frankfurt:1P2N) is pleased to update its objectives for the second half of 2019 for its Gibellini Vanadium Project (the Gibellini Project).

With the submittal of its updated Plan of Operations/Reclamation Permit Application to the Bureau of Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office (the BLM) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on June 28, 2019 and appointment of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) contractor, SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gibellini Vanadium Project, Prophecy is moving forward to submit the key Nevada state permit applications required for project construction by the end of the third quarter 2019. It is anticipated that all approvals will be received by first quarter 2021.

Given the significantly shortened timeline for conducting an EIS under Secretarial Order 3355 (3355) (12 months from publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to BLM issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD)), it is essential that the Nevada State permitting process is fully integrated with the Federal NEPA process to ensure the 3355 timeline can be met. In order to support this integration, Prophecy has implemented a project plan to complete the following tasks:

1. The Company has developed an Enhanced Baseline Report (EBR) format with the BLM that allows early identification of potential environmental impacts so the project design can be optimized to avoid or minimize these impacts. The EBRs have been submitted to BLM, NDEP, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and Eureka County to review and offer suggestions on additional measures that could be taken to further minimize potential impacts from the Project.
2. The Plan of Operations/Reclamation Plan that was submitted to the BLM and NDEP on June 28, 2019 incorporated the proposed Environmental Protection Measures for each resource identified in the EBRs that may be potentially affected.
3. The Company is working closely with NDEP and the Nevada Department of Health (NDoH) to incorporate these protection measures into the State permit applications. Early submittal of the state permit applications will allow identification of issues that could affect the Gibellini Project design that can be resolved to the satisfaction of federal and state agencies prior to the start of the streamlined 3355 EIS process (publication of the NOI).
4. The Nevada permits will include construction level designs of all the facilities that must demonstrate protection of natural resources as well as closure and reclamation plans that provide for the long-term chemical and physical stability of the site and meet land use objectives similar to the pre-mining land uses.
5. The Company is working with key stakeholders early to identify issues of concern that can be resolved prior to submittal of state permit applications to further reduce the risk of any changes to the project design during the 12-month 3355 EIS process. All commitments made with project stakeholders can then be memorialized in the EIS as Applicant Committed Practices.

Further supporting the Gibellini Project permitting, on June 4, 2019 the US Department of Commerce (DoC) issued a press release on the 35-listed critical metals, which shows United States has 100% import reliance on vanadium and rare earth elements. DoC simultaneously published a 50-page report titled Federal Strategy to Secure Supplies of Critical Metals, which outlined a strategy with highlight actions to:

- Streamline the permitting and review processes related to developing mining claims or leases and enhancing access to the domestic critical mineral resources, with emphasis on providing timely processing of mining Plans of Operations and Environmental Impact Statements.
- Strengthen America's Critical Mineral Supply Chains and seek opportunities to more effectively leverage the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Program and other industrial base business assistance support programs.
- Develop a publicly accessible online system to track milestones for mining projects, including the time it takes State and Federal agencies to review, process and issue permits.

Prophecy's CEO, Mike Doolin, states: "We are very encouraged by administration's emphasis to provide timely processing of mining Plans of Operations and EIS and the Battle Mountain District Office of the BLM to work with Prophecy in the strategic planning needed to meet the administration's policies, which will assist our goal of building Gibellini into the first ever primary vanadium producing mine in the US by the end of 2022. We are in discussions with several global vanadium traders and end users regarding vanadium sales and purchase contracts. We believe positive progress from those off-take contracts and permitting will significantly de-risk the Gibellini Project and could materially enhance the Gibellini Project valuation going forward."

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About Prophecy

Prophecy is developing the Gibellini project - the only large-scale, open-pit, heap-leach vanadium project of its kind in North America. Located in Nevada, Gibellini is currently undergoing EPCM and Permit preparation. Prophecy also has mining projects in Mongolia and Bolivia. Further information on Prophecy can be found at www.prophecydev.com.

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