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Mining Licence

Issued Under Section 44 of the Mining Act 1989 and the Mining Regulations

WHEREAS an application has been made by **832528 Ontario Inc.**, a locally incorporated company, whose registered address is **Lot 7 North Road, Lacytown, Georgetown, Guyana**, seeking the right to occupy and carry out Mining Operations for Gold and Copper on the **Peter's Mines Property Area**, pursuant of the Mining Act, 1989.

WHEREAS ownership of ALL MINERALS within the Republic of Guyana is vested in the State of Guyana.

AND WHEREAS the Mining Act, 1989 subject to certain limitations and conditions authorizes the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission to grant Mining Licences for minerals inclusive of Gold and Copper, in Guyana.

AND WHEREAS this Mining Licence is granted subject to the approval of the Environmental Impact Statement as submitted by the Licensee to the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOW THEREFORE: The Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") which term whenever the context permits or requires shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns, in consideration of the covenants hereinafter reserved and subject to the Mining Act 1989 and the Regulations made thereunder and in force from time to time and subject to the terms and conditions herein do hereby grant unto **832528 Ontario Inc** (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensee") which term whenever the context permits or requires shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns, the area of State Land situate in the **Peter's Mines Property Area** (hereinafter referred to as "the Area") more fully described in Annex "A" by way of a Site Plan which is attached and made a part hereof to remove Gold and Copper therefrom.

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for the purposes of Mining Gold and Copper which may be found therein with the right to carry on upon the said land all operations incidental to or connected therewith including the right to erect on the said land such dwellings or erections as may be necessary for the objectives aforesaid. The Licensee shall have the right to apply for a renewal of seven (7) years Licence which application shall be submitted to the Commission at least six (6) months before the expiration of this Licence.

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the licensee shall have no right to take or extract from the said land any other mineral, or any mineral oil, timber or other thing except as herein provided all which things are hereby excepted and reserved out of this demise but so that this proviso shall not hinder or prevent the Licensee from doing such things as are necessary for or incidental to or connected with their operations for the mining of Gold and Copper subject to the following conditions:

Rental.

1. The Licensee shall pay to the Commission annually and in advance and without demand the annual rent at the rate equivalent of five United States dollars (US\$5) per acre, in accordance with the exchange rate of the United States dollar to Guyana dollar at the time of payment, or such sum as may be stated in the Mining Regulations from time to time. The first such payment shall be on the grant of this licence and all subsequent payments shall be made on or before the anniversary of the issue of this licence in each and every year following the issue of this licence.

Royalty.

2. (1) The licensee shall pay to the Commission royalty on all Gold and Copper mined from the area at the rate of one and a half percent (1½%) ad valorem of gross production sales or of production costs leaving the plant. All royalty payments shall be made in accordance with the mining regulations. If the Licensee fails to pay royalty in accordance with the above the Commission may temporarily suspend the licence in accordance with provision of this licence.
- (2) Royalty as aforesaid shall be payable on all Gold and Copper won From the said area and removed to private property Whenever such Gold and Copper is either exported from or used for Manufacture in Guyana.

Duties and Taxes

3. (a) The Licensee shall be allowed to import free of customs duties, value added and excise taxes, as well as any other direct or indirect tax, all

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equipment, supplies and process and spares materials required for their activities including surveys during the term of the Licence and any renewal period. All imports of fuel shall be subject to ten percent (10%) Excise tax. PROVIDED THAT all food and beverages if imported shall be subject to the usual duties and taxes applicable.

- (b) The Licensee shall be required to pay income and Corporate Tax accordance with the provision of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 81:01 and the Corporation Tax Act, Chapter 81:03 of the Laws of Guyana.

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the foregoing shall be subject to any fiscal concession and/or incentives granted by the Minister of Finance or any other duly authorized person.

Commencement of construction of plant.



- 4. (a) The Licensee shall commence installation of the necessary plant machinery and buildings for the purposes connected with this Licence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Guyana Geology & Mines Commission employed by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commissioner") no later than six (6) calendar months after the date of issue of this Licence and thereafter shall maintain such plant, machinery and buildings to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.
- (b) The Licensee shall on the grant of this Licence forthwith erect and maintain in good condition notice boards or tablets to demarcate the area covered by the said Licence and on which shall be painted in legible letters and figures the name of the Licences and the number and date of the Licence.
- (c) The Licensee shall commence installation of the necessary plant, machinery and buildings for the purposes connected with this licence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commissioner") no later than six (6) calendar months or such other period as the Commissioner shall determine in the exercise of his/her discretion after the date of issue of this Licence and thereafter shall maintain such plant, machinery and buildings to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, PROVIDED THAT the Licensee shall before commencing the construction of the plant and

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production from the mine provide the Commissioner with a detailed Mine Plan and with a complete set of engineering drawings and design specifications of the plant and no construction or production shall commence until such Mining plan, drawings and design specifications are approved by the Commissioner, AND FURTHER the Licensee shall not make any adjustment and/or variation to the approved mining plan without the prior written consent of the Commissioner.

Processing site to be approved.

5. All equipment, plant, buildings, machinery and other items used in the processing of the Gold and Copper from the Area described in this Licence shall be located in Guyana, at a site approved by the Commissioner.

Mining to be satisfactory to Commissioner.

6. The conduct of the Licensee's operations shall be satisfactory to the Commissioner in all cases required herein or from time to time provided by law.

Notice of discovery of mineral oil and other minerals.

7. The Licensee shall give to the Commissioner immediate notice of the discovery by the Licensee of mineral oil or other minerals not the subject of this Licence.

Discovery of other minerals.

8. (a) If within the period during which this Licence is in effect, other minerals are discovered on or under the Licence Area which are not separately exploitable from Gold and Copper then such minerals shall be deemed to be included in the Mining Licence.
- (b) If within the period during which this licence is in effect other minerals are discovered on or under the Licence Area which are separately exploitable from Gold and Copper, the Commission shall offer to the Licensee the right to explore, develop and exploit the minerals so discovered and the Licensee shall thereafter have three (3) calendar months in which to decide whether it wishes to apply for the right to explore, develop and exploit the other minerals so discovered and where the Licensee decides not to make such application, the Commission may grant the right of exploration, development and exploitation of the minerals so discovered to a third party on terms no more favourable than those offered to the Licensee.

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Record of production to be kept.

9. The Licensee shall cause to be recorded in a book or books kept at the operation site on forms approved by the Commission and bearing the Commission's stamp, a correct account of Copper mined and any Other information required by the Commissioner. Such book or books shall be written up daily and shall be opened at all reasonable times to inspection by the Commissioner or any other duly authorized officer. On or before the 10th day of each month the Licensee shall file at the office of the Commissioner, the original copy /copies of the record from the books or book wherein such information is recorded.

Submission of Reports.

10. (1) The Licensee shall be required to file with the Commissioner an annual report on a confidential basis within three (3) months, of the anniversary of this Licensee. The Licensee shall also file with the Commissioner monthly and quarterly reports on or before the 10th day of the following month. These reports shall contain complete and accurate records of the mining operations and any other information required by the Commissioner. These shall include copies of all maps, profiles, diagrams and charts, of its operations. The Licensee shall also file a record of all sales and use of Gold and Copper. In addition, the Licensee shall supply information in respect to:-
- (a) Production statistics, including information on the cut-off grade, the grade and quality of Gold and Copper mined.
 - (b) Employment information, including a breakdown of organization according to the various levels of employment including locals and foreign.
 - (c) Information on construction finished, in progress and planned.
 - (d) Information on a breakdown of local and foreign sources of supplies and services, purchasing of supplies and services including an analysis of sourcing of supplies and services from the start-up of operations.
 - (e) Importation information, including number, source and price paid for items imported with reference to used and new items, disposal of equipment including re-exportation.

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(2) The Licensee shall file with the Commissioner a detailed annual operational plan on or before the 15th January for approval by the Commissioner. Upon approval any variation to this plan of operation must be with the written consent of the Commissioner.

Submission of Accounts.

11. The Licensee shall on or before June 30th in each year, file with the Commission audited statement of accounts relating to the amounts expended during the previous year ending on 31st December - such an audit shall be carried out by an independent. Guyanese firm of Chartered Accountants.

Inspection of Gold and Copper Operations

12. The Commissioner or an Officer duly authorized shall have the right to enter upon the said land and inspect any plant or building thereon at such time as may be reasonable and observe the operations conducted thereon and therein, and do all things necessary to ascertain whether the conditions under which this Licence is issued are being complied with.

Transfer of Rights

13. The Licensee shall not be free to transfer the right in this Licence or any part thereof or share or create any interest whatsoever; therein without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Commission which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Rights of persons to traverse land.

14. This Licence is granted subject to the right of any person to pass through or along any road or path on such land which gives access to any land beyond to which such person desires and is entitled to go and to the rights of any person duly authorized thereto to cut timber or take forest produce; also to the right of any grantee, Lessee or Licensee with the approval of the Commissioner first had and obtained in writing to convey across such land by such route and in such manner as the Commissioner shall decide any machinery, equipment, materials or stones required for Mining or other purposes. PROVIDED THAT such persons, grantee, Licensee, or licensee shall not unduly interfere with the Licensee's operations.

AND PROVIDED THAT the Commissioner gives due and adequate notice to the Licensee in relation to any application in relation to this clause.

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Construction of pipeline, Telegraph line, etc.

15. It shall be lawful for the Commission to grant to any person the right to make or construct any pumping plant, hydro-electric plant, pipeline, transmission line, wireless or radio station, railway, tramway, roads or waterways on or through or over the Mining area, or to construct reservoirs on or to take, lead or convey water from the area subject to payment by such person to the Licensee of fair and reasonable compensation mutually agreed on in respect of all damage to or interference with any work or workings of the said Licensee, and in default of such an agreement compensation shall be determined by arbitration pursuant to the provisions of the Arbitration Act or any Act amending or replacing the same for the time being in force.

Land may be taken for Public purposes.

16. If at any time during this Licence any part or parts of the Licence Area shall be required for the purposes of any township or village, road, canal, railway station or approaches thereto or for any other public purpose whatsoever, it shall be lawful for the Minister, the Licensee having been notified of the intention of the Minister in that behalf and having thereafter received three (3) calendar months previous notice in writing or six (6) calendar months previous notice if any such part or parts of the Licence Area is in the process of being worked, by order to direct that any part or parts of the land shall be taken and used for the purposes abovementioned, and when the Minister shall thereupon cease to be included in the Licence and all powers and liberties hereby granted over such part or parts shall cease to be exercisable by the Licensee and in such case the Licensee shall be secured free access to the remaining part or parts of the Area but the Licensee shall not be entitled to compensation unless the Licensee's works shall be taken or damaged in which event the Licensee shall be entitled to compensation to the extent only of such taking or damage and not in respect of any unworked minerals in the land so appropriated, and the Licensee shall be entitled to abatement of any rent paid for the year for such part or parts of the said Area.

PROVIDED however that if the said road, township or village, canal, railway station and approaches thereto are to be owned otherwise than by the State, any grant, licence or authority for the undertakers, constructors or intended owners thereof shall contain agreements on the part of the grantees or licensees thereunder to compensate the Licensee for all damage caused to

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the Licensee by the construction thereof and the state having procured such agreement to be made with the State or its officer shall be under no further liability to the Licensee for any subsequent failure, neglect, refusal or inability of such grantee or licensee to compensate the Licensee hereunder for such damage as aforesaid.

Reforestation and forest and land protection.

17. (1) The Licensee shall use its best efforts to minimize the negative impact of its operations on forest, land qualities, wildlife and human settlements. In particular the Licensee shall reforest the area to prevent soil erosion and shall ensure the safety of the area in accordance with standard international mining practice. The Licensee shall take care to avoid fires.
- (2) The Licensee shall not interfere with timber operations and shall make suitable arrangements for cooperation in case there are, or will be, timber operations on its Mining Licence Area.

PROVIDED THAT such timber operations necessary for mine development, plant construction and operations and transportation of product, supplies and equipment including waste disposal, closure and emergency plans.

Protection of Environment, including waste disposal, closure and emergency

18. (1) The Licensee shall obtain an Environmental Authorization from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- (2) The Licensee shall preserve and protect the natural environmental conditions of the said land, and shall take corrective action from time to time, before the said land or part or parts of the said land are surrendered, as may be reasonably necessary for soil conservation and for mitigation of stream and air pollution. In particular, the Licence shall conduct the operation so as not to unlawfully pollute any surface or subsurface fresh water supply, keep erosion and flood damages to a minimum, keep terrace and landscape waste disposal areas in a reasonable manner and replant them in an economical way and to

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minimize air pollution and shall comply with all applicable regulations made by the competent Government authorities.

(3) The Licensee shall submit a plan for disposal of waste together with a Closure plan submitted which shall comply with all applicable regulations made by the competent government authorities.

(4) The Closure Plan Shall include measures for:-

- (a) the backfilling of mine pits, where applicable;
- (b) the sealing or capping of shafts at closed mines;
- (c) the stripping and stock piling of topsoil for use in reclamation;
- (d) The replacement of topsoil and vegetation of disturbed lands; and
- (e) the restoration of water course, where appropriate.

(5) (a) An emergency response proposal shall also be submitted. This proposal shall set out provisions for hazards in mining operations

(b) All relevant information on the emergency response proposal practical mechanisms for responding to fuel spills and spills of other poisonous or hazardous substances and breaches of tailings ponds shall be communicated by the miner to employees and independent contractors and shall include information on:-

- (i) first person response;
- (ii) equipment;
- (iii) notification procedures;
- (iv) location of clean-up;
- (v) an analysis of potential accidents responses; and
- (vi) materials safety data sheets for materials which could spilled

Right to quiet enjoyment.

19. The Licensee performing all the covenants and conditions to be observed and fulfilled hereunder by the Licensee shall and may peacefully and quietly possess and enjoy the said land hereby demised without any interference by the Commission or any person claiming to be lawfully acting under the Commission.

Renewal of Licence.

20. Where the Licensee has complied with the terms and conditions of this Licence, upon application by the Licensee, this Licence may be renewed for a period of seven (7) years or the life of the deposit whichever is shorter on

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such terms and conditions to be agreed to by the Licensee and the Commission.

Licensee's right to determine Licence, surrender part of land.

21. (1) Without prejudice to any obligation or liability imposed by or incurred under the terms and conditions hereof the Licensee may at any time during the term hereby granted or any renewal thereof determine this Licence by giving to the Commission not less than six (6) calendar months previous notice in writing to that effect and stating the reasons therefor.

(2) Without prejudice to any obligation or liability imposed by or incurred under the terms and conditions hereof the Licensee shall be entitled at any time during the term hereby granted or any renewal thereof by giving six (6) calendar months' notice in writing to the Commissioner and stating the reasons therefor to surrender the rights granted by this Licence in respect of any part or parts of the said Licence Area.

PROVIDED THAT the Licensee shall be required to demarcate the part or parts to be surrendered on the ground and deposit with the Commissioner the estimated cost of the survey and when the area to be surrendered has been ascertained by the surveyor any difference between the amount deposited and the actual cost of the survey shall be refunded to the Licensee or paid by him/her as the case may be.

Cancellation of Licence.

22. If the Licensee fails to comply with any of the conditions of this licence or persistently refuses or neglects to comply with the mining laws or any written instruction (s) from the Mines Officer concerning any aspect of the operation, the Commission ^{can} cancel this licence until remedial measures are taken to operate within the authority of the Commission and the laws of Guyana. Such suspension should not be for more than a licence period of six calendar months after which, if no remedial action was taken by the Commissioner may cancel the licence.

Removal of equipment on termination of Licence.

23. The Licensee shall at the expiration or sooner determination of this Licence quietly yield and deliver up the said land together with all additions and improvements to the Commissioner or an Officer duly authorized to receive possession thereof and the Licensee shall remove all plant, machinery,

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materials and appliances from off such land within such time and in such manner as the Commission may specify by notice in the following manner:-

- (a) All fixed plant, equipment, other non-movable assets of the Licensee, all materials, supplies, vehicles and other movable assets of the Licensee which cannot be disposed of by the Licensee within twelve (12) months of the said termination or withdrawal shall become the property of the Government without charge on the expiration of the twelve (12) month period after the effective date of termination/withdrawal;
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon termination, withdrawal or expiration of this Licence, require the removal or destruction of any assets of the Licensee in the area to which the Mining Licence relates and if the Licensee does not remove or destroy such assets within a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the Commission's notice to that effect, the Commission may, at the Licensee's expense, as the case may be, effect such removal or destruction;
- (c) Upon the termination, withdrawal or expiration of this Licence, the Licensee shall leave the Area to which the Mining Licence relates and everything thereon in a safe condition. In the connection, unless the Commission otherwise directs, the Licensee shall in accordance with good practice, fill up or fence and make safe all holes and excavations to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commission. In addition, the Licensee shall take all reasonable measures to restore the surface thereof and all structures thereon, not being the property of the Licensee, to their original condition. In the event that the Licensee fails to do so, the Commission may, at the Licensee's expense, so restore and make the aforesaid area safe;
- (e) The Licensee shall have the right to enter upon the said area for the aforesaid purpose, the subject to the rights of surface owners or others, for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of termination, withdrawal or expiration of such longer period as the Commission may provide;
- (e) The provisions of this Article shall apply:-
- (i) to termination, withdrawal or expiration occurring after the grant of a Mining Licence; and

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- (ii) to the expiration of the term of the Mining Licence or any other thereof.

Waiver of covenant and condition of Licence.

24. The actual waiver of the benefit of any covenant or condition of this Licence on the part of the Commission shall not be assumed or deemed to extend to any instance or any breach of covenant or condition other than that to which such waiver shall specially relate nor to be a general waiver of the benefit of any such covenant or condition.

Liability.

25. (1) Nothing herein contained shall impose any personal liability on the Commissioner or any employee, of the Commission acting under the authority of the Commission.
- (2) The Licensee shall be liable for any damages, including claim of action in respect of any act or omission of its employees, agents or contractors connected with the conduct of their operations.

Indemnity.

26. The Licensee shall at all time indemnify the Commission and each and every employee of the Commission against all actions, costs, charges, claims and demands whatsoever which may be made or brought by any third party in relation to or in connection with this Licence or any matter or thing done or purported to be done in pursuance thereof.

Notices.

27. Any notices, requests or directions to be given under these presents or relating to the said land shall be made in writing and shall be sent or effected by registered mail, telex, teletype or cables delivered in person to:
- (a) In the case of the Licensee at its registered address.
 - (b) In the case of the Commission at Upper Brickdam, Greater Georgetown, Guyana.

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In such event notice will be effective as of the date of receipt.

Granted this 13th day of November 20.13....,
at Georgetown, Demerara.

Chairman,
GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION

WE accept the above Mining Licence on the terms and conditions therein stated.

**GUYANA GEOLOGY &
MINES COMMISSION**

LICENSEE: 832528 Ontario Inc.

Director:

Secretary:

Recorded this 13th day of November 20.13.

832528 ONTARIO INC.

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COMMISSIONER

DESCRIPTION OF AREA : LM 41: O-4

Tract of state land located in the Mazaruni Mining District No. 3 as shown on Terra Surveys Topographic Map 26SW, at scale 1: 50,000, with reference point 'X', located at the confluence of the Mara-Mara River and the Old Granny River with geographical coordinates of longitude -59° 19' 46"W and latitude 6° 18' 37"N.

Thence at a true bearing of 243°, for a distance of 4 miles 1691 yards to the point of commencement

Point A, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 59°23'38"W and latitude 6°16'41"N, thence at true bearing of 90°, for a distance of approximately 2 miles 1220 yards, to Point B, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 59°21'17"W and latitude 6°16'40"N, thence at true bearing of 179°,

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for a distance of approximately **2 miles 347 yards**, to **Point C**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'15"W** and latitude **6°14'46"N**, thence at true bearing of **66°**, for a distance of approximately **259 yards**, to **Point D**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'22"W** and latitude **6°14'49"N**, thence at true bearing of **26°**, for a distance of approximately **190 yards**, to **Point E**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'25"W** and latitude **6°14'54"N**, thence at true bearing of **235°**, for a distance of approximately **52 yards**, to **Point F**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'26"W** and latitude **6°14'53"N**, thence at true bearing of **225°**, for a distance of approximately **69 yards**, to **Point G**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'27"W** and latitude **6°14'52"N**, thence at true bearing of **245°**, for a distance of approximately **51 yards**, to **Point H**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'29"W** and latitude **6°14'51"N**, thence at true bearing of **88°**, for a distance of approximately **60 yards**, to **Point I**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'31"W** and latitude **6°14'51"N**, thence at true bearing of **72°**, for a distance of approximately **73 yards**, to **Point J**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'33"W** and latitude **6°14'52"N**, thence at true bearing of **64°**, for a distance of approximately **126 yards**, to **Point K**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'36"W** and latitude **6°14'53"N**, thence at true bearing of **58°**, for a distance of approximately **118 yards**, to **Point L**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'39"W** and latitude **6°14'55"N**, thence at true bearing of **48°**, for a distance of approximately **105 yards**, to **Point M**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'41"W** and latitude **6°14'57"N**, thence at true bearing of **35°**, for a distance of approximately **86 yards**, to **Point N**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'43"W** and latitude **6°14'59"N**, thence at true bearing of **191°**, for a distance of approximately **199 yards**, to **Point O**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'44"W** and latitude **6°14'54"N**, thence at true bearing of **160°**, for a distance of approximately **283 yards**, to **Point P**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'41"W** and latitude **6°14'46"N**, thence at true bearing of **132°**, for a distance of approximately **396 yards**, to **Point Q**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'32"W** and latitude **6°14'38"N**, thence at true bearing of **112°**, for a distance of approximately **421 yards**, to **Point R**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'21"W** and latitude **6°14'33"N**, thence at true bearing of **96°**, for a distance of approximately **195 yards**, to **Point S**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'15"W** and latitude **6°14'33"N**, thence at true bearing of **179°**, for a distance of approximately **2 miles 697 yards**, to **Point T**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°21'13"W** and latitude **6°12'28"N**, thence at true bearing of **89°**, for a distance of approximately **2 miles 1348 yards**, to **Point U**, located at geographical coordinates of longitude **59°23'38"W** and latitude **6°12'30"N**, thence at true bearing of **0°**, for a distance of approximately **4 miles 1434 yards**, to the point of commencement at **Point A**.

Thus enclosing an area of approximately **8346 acres**, save and except all lands lawfully held or occupied.

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