**2024-25 Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Development Fund (MRDF)**

**Application for Prospecting Grant**

**Enter data into the fields below (tables and text boxes are expandable if more space is required):**

**1. Company Information (**copy of Provincial/Extra-Provincial Company Registration and details of any agreements with outside parties that have a vested interest in the property must be submitted with the application. If the project does not deal with mineral licensed claims, leave those fields blank**)**

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| **Contact Information** | | | | |
| **Applicant Name** |  | | | |
| **NS Mailing Address** |  | | | |
| **License Holder** |  | **If no, please state** |  | |
| **Phone (Primary)** |  | **Phone (Secondary)** |  | |
| **Email** |  | | | |
| **Would you like to be added to the MRDF email distribution list?** | | | |  |
| **Is the applicant eligible for federal government re-imbursement of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)?** | | | |  |
| **In Nova Scotia, we seek to provide opportunities to equity deserving groups, including Indigenous People, persons with disabilities, African Nova Scotians, other racialized persons, and women in under-represented roles/positions. To ensure the integration of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility within the proposed projects, applicants are encouraged to thoroughly address the societal implications and impacts of their proposed projects. This could involve active engagement with communities from the early stages.**  **Select all that applies to your proposed project. This is asked for data collection purposes only.**  **The proposed project will be led by…** (select all that apply)  □ An African Nova Scotian  □ An Indigenous person  □ A person with a disability  □ A woman  □ Another racialized person  □ Prefer not to say | | | | |
| **If you have any further details to add to your answer(s), please put them here:** | | | | |

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| **Project Information** | | | |
| **Contact Person** |  | | |
| **Phone** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Project Name** |  | | |
| **Location of Property (*community, county, etc.*)** |  | | |
| **Main Project Activity** |  | | |

**Attach your project application in subsequent pages and send the combined PDF to** [**mrdf@novascotia.ca**](mailto:mrdf@novascotia.ca) **by 4:00PM Monday, April 8, 2024**

**Provide a summary of your prospecting experience, including total years, if you have taken the Nova Scotia Prospecting Course, any other prospecting courses including where and what year the course was taken:**

**2. Project Information**

Please provide an accurate listing of the claim reference map sheets, tracts and claims, issue date and expiry date (as employed in the N.S. Registry of Mineral and Petroleum Titles on NovaRoc) of the exploration licence(s) you are proposing to work on. A map showing the exploration licence(s) is required. Details of any agreements with outside parties that have a vested interest in the property are to be submitted with the application (see application checklist).

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| **Exploration**  **Licence No.** | **Claim Ref.**  **Map** | **Tracts** | **Claims** | **Issue Date yyyy-mm-dd** | **Expiry Date yyyy-mm-dd** |
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**3. Description of Project**

**Estimated starting date of project Estimated completion date of project**

1. **Location of the work program(s) and status of private landowner access negotiations.  Provide copies of any existing Crown land access permits.**  **If Crown land access permits have not been obtained at the date of application, the applicant must provide copies prior to the commencement of approved work program.**

**B) Property history: provide a comprehensive summary of previous work completed on the property by the applicant or others (Do not list historical assessment report titles as a summary)**

**C) Relevant supporting scientific/assessment reports**

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**D) Previous Grants**

List of all previous grants received (by the applicant) from the Nova Scotia Mineral Incentive Program and the Nova Scotia Mineral Resource Development Fund for this property (how many grants and what years). For each previous grant received by the applicant, provide a summary of results of how the property advanced as a result of each grant.

**E) Exploration Plan**

The exploration plan must be well researched, achievable, and based on an idea or an approach that is worth testing. Proposals must explain how the approach will build on any previous work. Extra credit will be given to projects that have higher potential to successfully discover new mineral exploration targets or to use innovative techniques to enhance the economic potential of existing mineral occurrences.

**F) Description of the planned work**

Provide a detailed description of the proposed exploration activities. Maps must be included, showing proposed exploration grids (sampling, geophysics, etc.), trench locations, drill collar locations including dip, azimuth and proposed depth and showing all historic drillhole collar locations. Justification for the proposed locations must be provided on this or accompanying maps. No proposed work may be conditional on the results of work described on this application. Follow-up activities can be considered under future applications. Extra credit will be given for proposals that include new and/or innovative exploration ideas or approaches.

Include references of relevant case studies for any unconventional work being proposed.

**G) Proposed subject matter expert/s to be used:**

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**H) Proposed performance schedule/dates**

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| Activity | Commencement  Date (yr/mm/dd) | Completion Date  (yr/mm/dd) |
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**4. List of Estimated Expenditures Related to the Proposed Project**

All costs over $5,000 require a reasonable estimate included at the time of application unless this requirement is waived by the Department. Detailed quotes are not required for approval; however, funds will not be disbursed until three detailed quotes are received. Exceptions may be considered where there is a lack of available contractors for that proposed activity, or in the local area where the work is taking place. If requesting sole-source contracting, please include the reason for choosing the contractor. **Whenever possible, Nova Scotia-based contractors should be utilized**. Please note that some expenditures are ineligible (please see the Prospecting Grant Terms and Conditions).

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| **Proposed Expenditures** | **Total** |
| **MRDF Student Grant Requested ($9,000 max.)** |  |
| **MRDF Casual Worker Grant Requested ($9,000 max.)** |  |
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| **Total MRDF Prospecting Grant Requested (maximum $40,000)** |  |
| **Independent P.Geo CIM standards consulting (maximum $2,500)** |  |
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1. **Casual Worker and Student details**

**List casual worker and student work program activities and estimated duration of each** (student must be a geoscience or engineering student enrolled in a post-secondary institution, or a graduate within the past year)**:**

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**This application along with accompanying documents (see checklist) must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2024 by** [mrdf@novascotia.ca](mailto:mrdf@novascotia.ca).

**All applicants are required to complete and sign the application checklist on the next page and include all the required documentation with this application.**

**NOVA SCOTIA MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND (MRDF)**

**PROSPECTING GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

(Ensure that **ALL** required information is included and attached **BEFORE** submitting application)

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| Completed application form | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| NovaROC claims map (showing exploration licences) | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Regional location map | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Location map at adequate scale showing proposed and historic work with licence boundaries (e.g., exploration grids, collar locations, trench locations, sample locations). The map must be assessment report quality as defined in the *Mineral Resources Regulations.* | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Copy of Provincial/Extra-Provincial Company Registration Certificate | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Written request for sole source contracting (see Eligible Work in Terms and Conditions) | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Have read and understand the Prospecting Grant Terms and Conditions document (MRDF web page: <https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/mrdp.asp>) | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |
| Included all relevant licencee/holder/agent/company/joint venture agreements (these should be registered with the Registry in NovaRoc) | yes  ☐ | n/a  ☐ |

Applicant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_