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Public Engagement Program Communication Materials, May 2020



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Vivian Sand Processing Facility Project

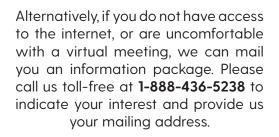
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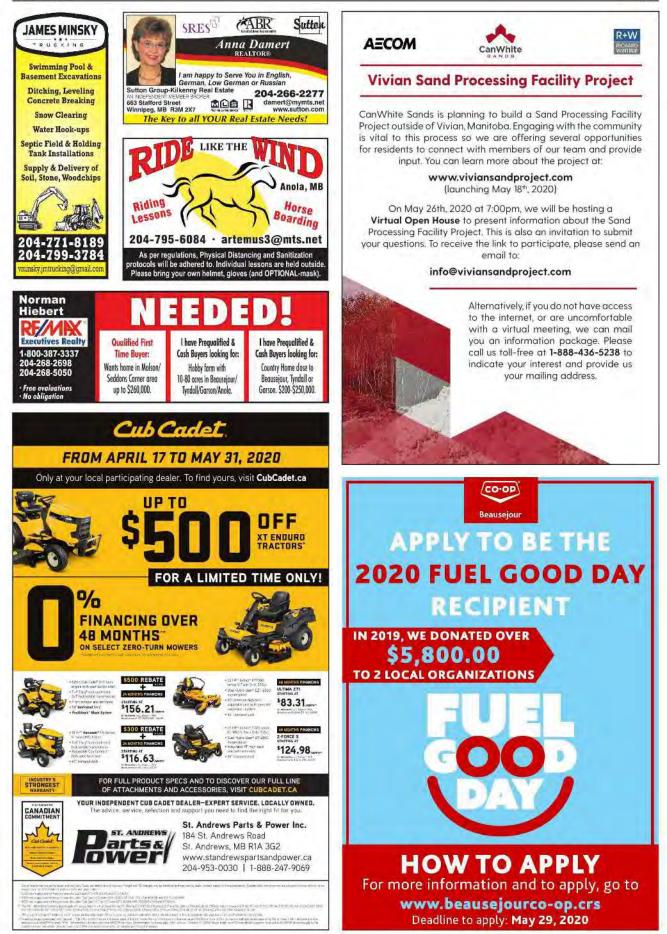


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CanWhite Facility Project Website





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THE VIVIAN SAND FACILITY PROJECT

How can I learn more?

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Cell Phone Screens



Solar Panels



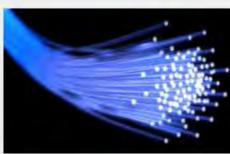
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Recreational

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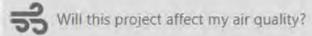
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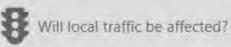
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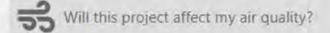
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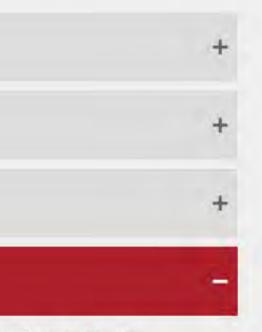


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Information Package

VIVIAN SAND PROCESSING FACILITY PROJECT

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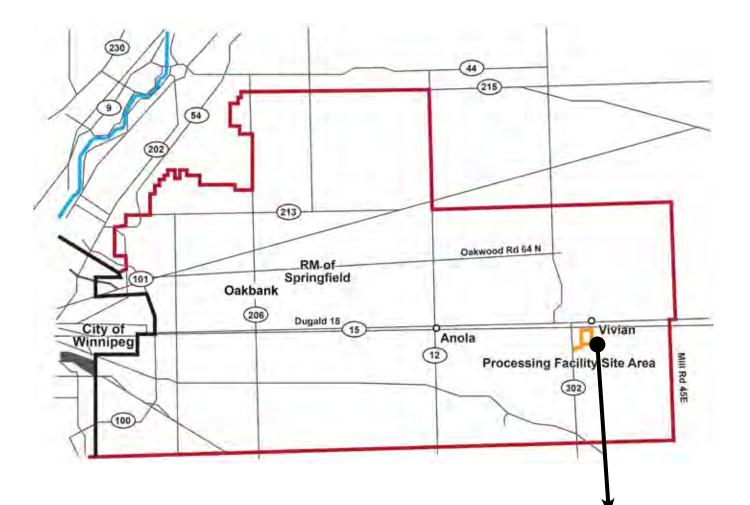
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SURVEY

Please fill out the following survey and send it back to us using the postage provided.

Question 1: Do you have any concerns about the Project?

Yes	No		
If yes, select your top three concerns from the following list of Project components:			
Air Pollution	Recreational Use		
Noise	Resource Use		

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Air Pollution	Recreational Use
Noise	Resource Use
Animals	Traditional Land Use
Birds	Water Quality
Plants	Water Quantity
Traffic	Rail

Question 2: Do you have any concerns about the project that you feel have not been addressed in this information? If so, please explain...



Question 3: Do you have any specific questions or interests relating to the project going forward?

Question 4: How would you prefer to be kept informed about this project in the future?



Virtual Open House Presentation Slides



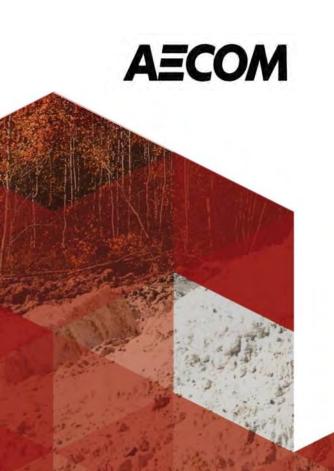




Welcome to the Vivian Sand Facility Project Virtual Open House

We will begin shortly. This is a webinar platform, which allows you to see and hear the presenters, but we <u>cannot</u> see or hear you.

For your convenience, you will find a questions button below where you can type in a question at any time. We will address questions at the end of the presentation.







Vivian Sand Facility Project Virtual Open House

May 26th, 2020

Who is CanWhite

- CanWhite, parent company of HD Minerals, is a private company based in Calgary, Alberta with operations out of Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- CanWhite has been exploring the area for the last 3 years and is now is planning to initiate a sand extraction and process facility in the Rural Municipality (RM) of Springfield, located outside of Vivian, Manitoba.
- Today we will share our plans for The Vivian Sand Facility Project which includes the construction, commissioning and operation of a sand facility beginning this fall.





Current Operational Status

- CanWhite has two active surface access agreements on private property
- CanWhite will be reclaiming these sites once Covid-19 imposed safety regulations allow
- CanWhite has knocked down the surface piles to stop sand drift
 - No risk to residents at this time
- CanWhite has successfully completed over 25 well sealings to date
- CanWhite will have a couple more testing sites this summer



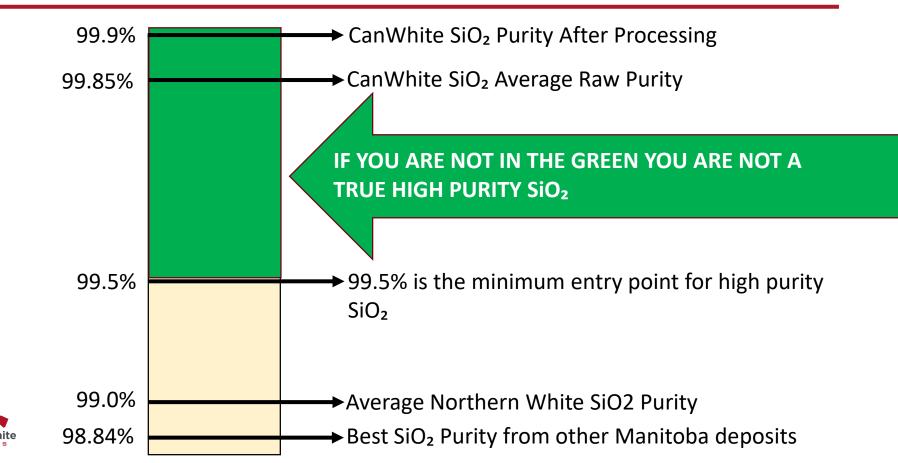
How is the Sand Obtained

THIS IS AN INTRODUCTION FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. SAND EXTRACTION IS <u>NOT</u> PART OF THIS APPLICATION BUT WILL BE PART OF THE SECOND APPLICATION

- The Sand is 200 feet below surface in the Winnipeg Formation and accessed through a traditional water well
- The Sand is produced with air. No chemicals are used
- A CanWhite well is produced for *only 3 days*
- Slurry from the well are as high as 90% sand
- LESS THAN 5% OF THE SAND DEPOSIT WILL BE REMOVED



Why are we focusing on sand here in the Vivian area



What is Silica Sand used for?









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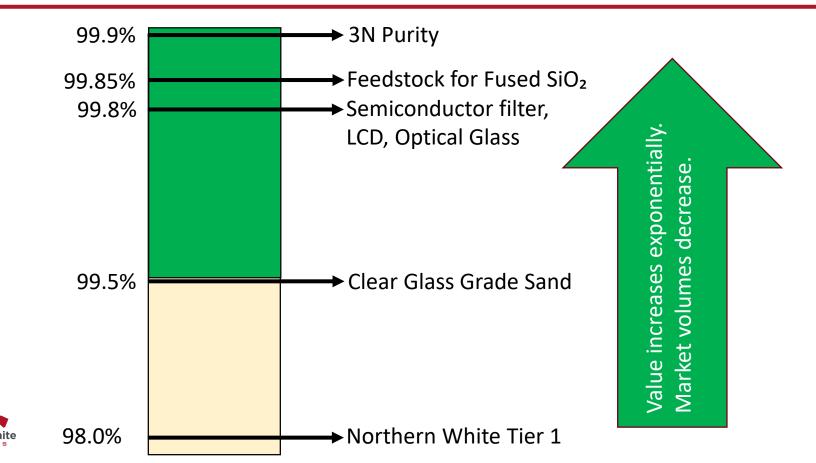
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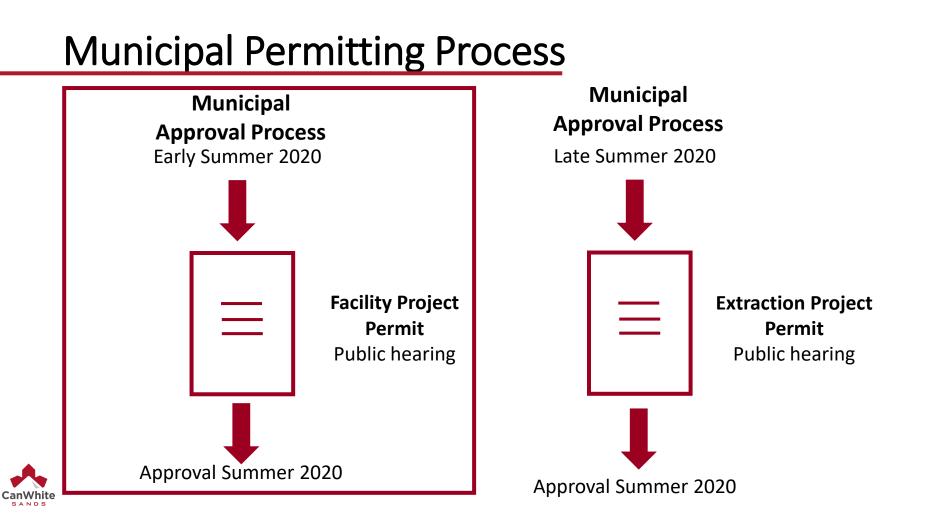
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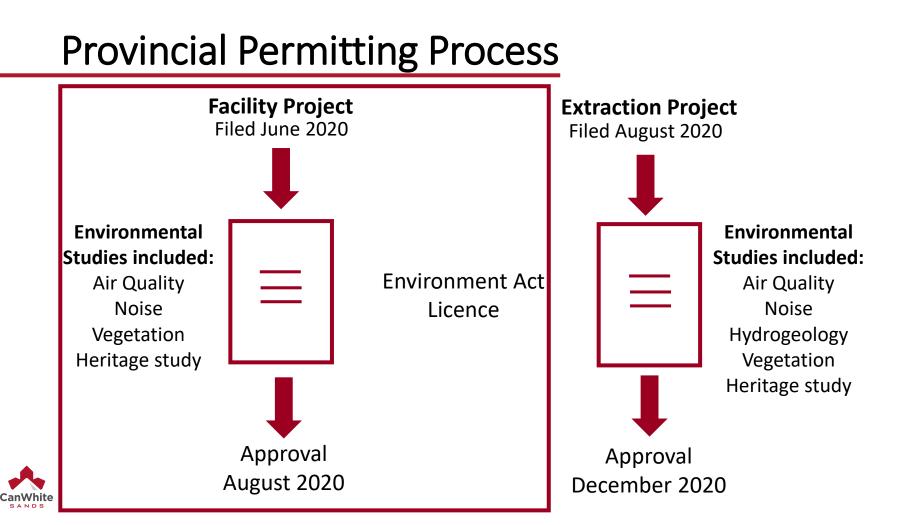


I High quality sand purity usage

CanWhite Sand Value – 99.5% is the minimum entry point for high purity SiO₂





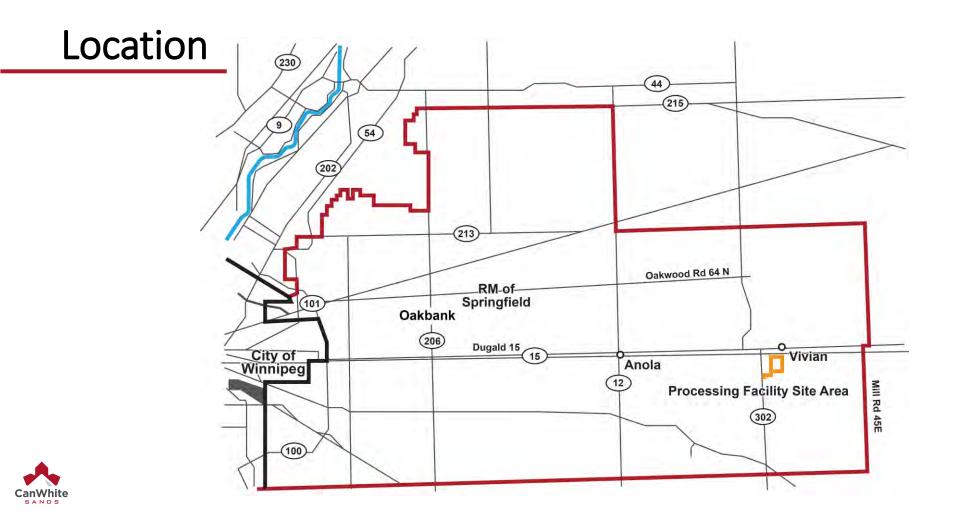


Proposed Timelines

Facility Project Only:

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*Concept only

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- The Silica Sand Facility consists of three components:
 - Wet Plant
 - Dry Plant
 - Rail Load Out
- Sand and water will arrive at the facility. Sand will be stockpiled, and then dried inside an enclosed building. Once processed, the dried sand will be loaded directly onto covered rail cars and shipped to market. No haul trucks will be used.



Environmental Protection

Environmental studies:

- On-site Investigations for vegetation, Wetlands, Wildlife and Heritage Resources.
- No fish habitat
- No rare vegetation communities or uncommon wildlife habitat
- On-site archaeological investigation found the Project Site area to have low potential for undiscovered heritage resources
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- Air Quality Assessment
- Noise Assessment





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- At this time, it is not expected residents will be impacted by any noise.
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 - Includes: washrooms, staff kitchen and fire suppression for emergencies.
- On-site septic system will treat wastewater in accordance with government regulations and guidelines.
- A minimal amount of water will be used in the Wet Processing Facility from a well on the facility site.



Will the local traffic be affected?

- Sand will be transported by train, minimizing truck traffic on roads
- During construction and operations, contractors and staff will need to go to a from the facility. This will not be a substantial increase.
- Most vehicles travelling to and from the site will travel 2 km on PR 302 to PTH 15.
- Most facility staff are expected to come from the local and regional areas within reasonable driving distance from the Project site.



How will my local community benefit from the Project?



- Employment Committed to hiring local talent. Once construction complete the facility will employ 40-50 people year-round.
- Local Business involvement CanWhite already regularly works with many local businesses. There will be needs for fuel, maintenance, parts and general services.
- RM Tax Revenue Property tax
- Natural gas line CanWhite is in negotiations with MB Hydro to bring a natural gas line into the area.
- Cellphone coverage improvements *CanWhite is initiating conversations to improve cell coverage in the area.*



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Thank You



Appendix I

Responses to Questions and Comments Received through the Project Public Engagement Program

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PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT			-		
Groundwater	1	How will the aquifer be protected?	Email (2)	The Facility Project will require two groundwater wells; one dedicated to emergency fire suppression (on demand short-term use) and the other for water used by employees for sinks, showers and toilets in the Processing Facility. The quantity of groundwater needed for the above-described Processing Facility uses is 200- 300 US gallons (757 to 1136 litres) per day with no additional water required from on-site groundwater wells needed for the Wet Plant or Dry Plant processes. The daily total volume of water required for the Processing Facility is equivalent to a 4-6 person household in the local area. Each well will be installed the same as any domestic or industrial water well in accordance with <i>The Groundwater and Water Well Act</i> and capped to prevent surface water and debris from entering the wells. Also see the response to #2 below regarding groundwater contamination.	
	2	How will groundwater be protected from contamination?	Email (1); Virtual Meeting (2)	No harmful chemicals will be used in the processing of the sand. Water that will be recirculated into the sand washing process will be treated first with a biodegradable food-grade flocculant as an aid for fines settling. The water treatment system closely resembles that of a typical water treatment facility. Due to the recirculation of sand processing water in a loop system, there will be no discharge of sand processing wastewater. Each well will be installed the same as any domestic or industrial water well in accordance with <i>The Groundwater and Water Well Act</i> and capped to prevent surface water and debris from entering the wells. Wastewater from staff washrooms, shower facilities and staff kitchen will be directed to a septic system that will include a septic tank and drain field/leach field. The septic system will be installed, and regularly maintained and monitored for correct functioning, in accordance with the Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation under <i>The Environment Act</i> . Groundwater will be protected from accidental spills (e.g. fuel, oil) through the use of standard spill containment devices. Limited volumes of hazardous waste will be stored on-site and will consist of those commonly found in maintenance shops (e.g. engine oil; lubricants; adhesives; paint) and associated with routine building and equipment maintenance (e.g. loaders; pick-up truck). These wastes will be stored in a designated location on site and handled, transported and disposed of in accordance with applicable legislation and associated regulations and guidelines, including <i>The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act</i> of Manitoba and applicable regulations.	Section 6.2.3: Groundwater
	3	Concern about the local area gravel pits, their impacts on groundwater and if the effects of this Project on groundwater will be 'masked' due to the existing groundwater condition.	Virtual Meeting (1)	The water required for the Processing Facility is limited only to water used by employees for sinks, showers and toilets and for emergency fire suppression. This volume is equivalent to a 4-6 person household in the local area which is 200 - 300 US Gallons per day.	Section 2.7: Water Use and Section 6.2.3: Groundwater

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Air Quality	4	Concern about the potential effects to air quality, including silica dust generation, in the Local Project Area.	Email (2); Virtual Meeting (1)	CanWhite will be utilizing the latest industry technology in the Project design to control silica sand dust and other air contaminants. To control dust, the entire Dry Plant will be enclosed. The dryer is equipped with a baghouse to capture dust generated from the drying process. All conveyors after the dryer are enclosed, with all transfer points under negative pressure to control dust along the conveyance system. Also refer to the response for #15 which describes dust control measures for the overs/fines sand reject piles, and response for #39 which explains why dust from wet sand stockpiles is not generated. An Air Quality Impact Assessment report is available as part of the Environment Act Licence application (Environment Act Proposal document) which was prepared by technical experts and provides an assessment of the potential effects of the Project on air quality, including the potential for exceedances in pollutants including dust. The results of the Air Quality Impact Assessment report have indicated that modelled concentrations of air quality parameters (including dust) at nearest residents to the Processing Facility during Project operations were well below the provincial guidelines.	Section 6.3.1: Air Quality
Noise	5	General concern regarding noise.	Virtual Meeting (1); Feedback Form (1)	The current land area is largely forested, including around the perimeter of the Project site area. It is CanWhite's intention to leave in place as many trees and vegetation as possible to act as a natural buffer to mitigate noise. The Dry Plant will be an enclosed building which will minimize dry sand processing noise. The design and operation of the Rail Loop component described in our response below to #6 is also expected to mitigate noise related to the rail component of the Project. We do not expect local residents to be impacted by the noise generated by the Project. A Noise Impact Assessment report is available as part of the Environment Act Licence application (Environment Act Proposal document) which was prepared by technical experts and provides an assessment of the potential noise generated by the Project, including the potential for exceedances in noise guideline levels. The results of the Noise Impact Assessment report concluded that Project activities during the construction and operation phases are predicted to not exceed the limits set in the Manitoba Guidelines for Sound Pollution.	
	6	To what extent will your operation and the spur line associated with it increase the train traffic and how much additional noise will be generated in the area? (what can you do to ensure the life style of those in the Hamlet of Vivian, Manitoba is not adversely affected?)	Email (1)	We expect at peak operation to have two to three trains per week leaving the Processing Facility site. The design of the rail loop allows for the trains to be completely off the existing adjacent CN Rail main line. The shape of the rail loop will allow a locomotive to pull the train right through the Rail Load Out without the need to decouple or couple individual cars which would be a source of noise. A smaller railcar mover will be used if a railcar needs to be removed or added to the train (e.g. for maintenance). Other mitigation measures to control noise will also be implemented as described above in the response to #5.	Section 2.2.2: Rail Load Out and Section 6.3.3: Noise

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TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENT	•				
Vegetation	7	How far away will the clear-cutting [vegetation clearing] be from Station Road 44E [in proximity to the Rail Loop]? What is the plan for the area inside that rail loop?	Email (1)	We do not plan to clear cut the entire Rail Loop. We intend to keep as many trees as possible both inside and outside of the Rail Loop. Some trees in proximity to the rail track will need to be cleared for safety and visibility of the Rail Loop track and Rail Loading area. As for the existing trees adjacent to Station Road 44E, our plan is to leave as many trees as possible while accommodating the clearing requirements for the Rail Loop and curvatures of the track.	Section 6.5.1: Vegetation
SOCIOECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT					
Labour Force and Employment	8	How many local jobs will be created; what type of jobs?	Email (1)	Hiring will begin once permits and approvals are received from both the Provincial Government and RM of Springfield. There will be many employment opportunities either directly or through local contractors in the area during the construction phase. We encourage everyone interested in working with us or with one of our contractors to please submit your resume to us. During the Project construction phase, approximately 20 to 30 people will be employed under contract for site clearing and Project construction. The need for local suppliers and other business to support the construction phase is likely to provide indirect employment for up to 60 additional people. During long-term operations we expect to employ 40-50 people on a full-time basis once we hit peak production. This will include laborers, trades, operators and administration.	Section 2.6 Employees and Section 6.6.1: Labour Force and Employment
	9	What are your plans and guidelines for Union or non-Union labour or workforces?	Virtual Meeting (2)		N/A (not applicable)
	10	What will be the average wage for facility workers?	Email (1); Virtual Meeting (1)	CanWhite will offer competitive wages.	N/A
Infrastructure and Services	11	What improvements are going to be required and made to provincial road 302 and will CanWhite pay for those improvements?	Email (1)	We are not anticipating the need for any improvements to PR 302 because there will be no substantial increase in local traffic. Also refer to response for #21.	N/A
	12	You talked about a new gas line and better cell phone coverage in the plans. A lot of people out in the area talk about a lack of unreliable internet service. Is there anything that you might be looking into in regards to that?	Virtual Meeting (1)	The Project will likely require upgraded communications services that may require an additional cell tower in the local area. As part of our discussions with communication services companies, we will discuss the requirement logistics and options which may include an additional cell tower capable of accommodating improved internet services or installation of fibre optics cables along the proposed natural gas line for the Project which could improve internet services in the region.	Section 4.6.3: Infrastructure and Services
Human Health - Dust / Air Quality Related	13	General concern about the potential human health effects of silica dust in the Local Project Area.	Email (1); Virtual Meeting (3)	Refer to the response for # 4 under 'Air Quality' which describes how air quality will be protected and responses to #14, #15 and #39 regarding mitigation measures that will be used to control dust so that it does not affect local residences or Processing Facility workers.	Section 6.3.1: Air Quality and Section 6.6.4: Human Health
	14	Will the health of Facility workers be affected by exposure to silica dust or other air quality contaminants? What precautions will workers take to prevent exposure to silica dust?	Email (1)	The handling of fine silica dust collected and all other work associated with the Project will be conducted in accordance with <i>The Workplace Safety and Health Act</i> which includes provisions for safely working with potential airborne contaminants. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be supplied to employees and workers. Also refer to the response above for #13.	Section 6.6.4: Human Health

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	15	How will you stop the waste sand that will be used from becoming airborne and a health risk?	Virtual Meeting (1)	The overs sand reject pile associated with the Wet Plant and the overs/fines sand reject pile associated with the Dry Plant will be misted with water to mitigate the potential for fugitive dust generation, as needed (e.g. during hot, dry and windy weather). During the winter months, these sand reject piles will be covered with a mesh system (similar to a fishing net) that will allow snow and ice to accumulate on the wet sand pile to act as a natural containment to control dust. The oversize sand and overs/fines sand reject piles will be regularly depleted as those materials can be sold to alternate markets and used in other applications. Regarding the waste sand collected in the Dry Plant baghouse air filter system, the handling of fine silica dust collected will be conducted by trained personnel in accordance with <i>The Workplace Safety and Health Act</i> which includes provisions for safely working with potential airborne contaminants. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be supplied to employees and workers.	Section 6.3.1: Air Quality
	16	Has a credible independent third-party analysis been done of the potential for silica dust exposure both to workers and nearby residents?	Email (1)	As indicated in the response to #4, an Air Quality Impact Assessment report is available as part of the Environment Act Licence application (Environment Act Proposal document) which was prepared by technical experts and provides an assessment of the potential effects of the Project on air quality, including the potential for exceedances in pollutants including dust.	Appendix B: Air Quality Report
	17	What are the micron sizes of your dust?	Virtual Meeting (1)	The silica dust size that would be typical for the Processing Facility operations will be 105 microns or less. Numerous mitigation measures to control dust, including those described above in responses to #4, #14, #15 and #39, will be applied to protect human health and the environment from fugitive dust.	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing
	18	Don't the piles of sand outside make dust as the sand is moved to the screener?	Virtual Meeting (1)	The sand in the wet sand stockpiles is still wet when picked up by a loader and placed into a hopper which feeds scalping screen prior to entering the Dry Plant (which is completely enclosed). Therefore, the wet sand will not create dust when moved by the loader. Also refer to the response to #39 which explains why dust from wet sand stockpiles is not generated.	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing
	19	Are you using NeSilex for dust suppression with water?	Virtual Meeting (1)	No, we will not be using NeSilex to control dust. Refer to #15 above and #39 responses which explain how stockpile dust will be controlled.	Section 6.3.1: Air Quality
Property Values	20	Will the Project affect property values?	Feedback Form (1)	Property values in the Local Project Area are not expected to be adversely affected the Project considering an extensive previous study of property values in the vicinity of silica sand facility locations in the United States indicated that "There are no documented circumstances of industrial sand mining causing a community-wide reduction of property values" (The Heartland Institute, 2016). CanWhite will be bringing in a new natural gas line and will likely be requiring improved cellular service to the Local Project Area which has the potential to benefit local properties in the vicinity of these services.	Section 6.6.3: Land and Resource Use

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TRAFFIC					
	21	How do you propose to mitigate the increase in traffic generated by employees and suppliers and the sand product on PTH #15 and PR #302?	Email (1)	There will be no substantial increase in local traffic. The sand product will be transported to markets from the Processing Facility directly by rail and not by road. The traffic on PTH 15 and PR 302 associated with the Project after the construction phase will be from employees travelling to and from work, deliveries and supplies, or maintenance crews for ongoing maintenance and/or repairs at the Processing Facility.	Section 6.7: Traffic
	22	How much traffic will be created by this Project?	Email (1)	Traffic will be limited to employees, contractors and suppliers. During the construction phase of the Project, increases in local traffic volumes will be temporarily associated with the 20 to 30 contractors and employees that will travel to the Processing Facility daily. Once Project construction is complete, traffic related to Project operations will only be associated with 20 to 25 employees arriving twice per day for their shift. Additional minor traffic will be related to weekly supply/parts deliveries and contractors for services such as waste disposal. Also refer to the response above for #21.	Section 6.7: Traffic
	23	What type of vehicles and loads, and what will be the days and times of operation?	Email (1)		Section 1.5: Project Planning Phases; Section 2.9: Equipment Use; and Section 6.7: Traffic
ACCIDENTS AND MALFUNCTIONS					
Power Failure	24	Do you foresee any excessive hydro usage for your plant which could cause power outages locally?	Virtual Meeting (1)	Our Project will not affect power requirements of the surrounding area, and therefore would not cause local power supply outages, because Manitoba Hydro is reviewing power needs to ensure adequate power supply to the local area with the addition of the Project.	N/A
FOLLOW-UP PLANS					
	25	Will air quality be monitored and residents/workers alerted if there are exceedances?	Email (1)	As indicated in the response to #4, the results of the Air Quality Impact Assessment report have indicated that modelled concentrations of air quality parameters (including dust) at nearest residents to the Processing Facility during Project operations were well below the provincial guidelines. Also refer to the response for #14 regarding protection of workers.	Appendix B: Air Quality Report
	26	Who will be monitoring the air quality for the area? How frequently? Who will do it and what are their qualification?	Virtual Meeting (1)	CanWhite will develop and implement a Dust Management Plan that minimizes the potential for exceedances of ambient criteria at the Processing Facility boundary. Based on the results of the air quality impact assessment for this Project, there is no requirement for air quality monitoring.	Section 8: Follow-up Plans
OTHER		•			
Project Description - General	27	Will both the dry plant and wet plant operate in winter or only the dry plant?	Email (1)	The Dry Plant and rail infrastructure will operate year round, while the Wet Plant will operate only during the warmer months (April to November).	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing; and Section 2.1.2: Sand Treatment: Dry Processing
	28	Will the dry plant have a baghouse to collect the fine silica dust that is too small for use as proppant or other uses? What will happen to rejected the silica dust? How will it be handled and disposed of?	Email (1)	The fine silica dust that will be captured in the Dry Plant baghouse will be collected and sold because it has saleable value for use in the silica industry. The handling of fine silica dust collected and all other work associated with the Project will be conducted by trained personnel in accordance with <i>The Workplace Safety and Health Act</i> which includes provisions for safely working with potential airborne contaminants. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be supplied to employees and workers.	Section 2.1.2: Sand Treatment: Dry Processing; and Section 2.3.2: Solid Waste and By-product

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	29	Will chemicals be used in the processing of silica sand?	Email (1)	No chemicals will be used in the processing of the sand. The water that is separated from the sand will be treated with a biodegradable food-grade flocculant as an aid for fines settling, which is the same as what is used at typical water treatment facility.	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing
	30		Virtual Meeting (1); Feedback Form (1)	Project operation activities will occur 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for the 24 year life of the Project except for any shut-down time required for maintenance.	Section 1.5: Project Planning Phases
	31	How long can you foresee this operation to last?	• • • •	We are submitting an Environment Act Licence application for a Facility Project with a Project life of 24 years. If in the future the Facility Project operation phase is proposed to be extended, then a Notice of Alteration will need to be submitted to the provincial government to apply for approval of a Project life extension.	Section 1.1: Project Overview; and Section 1.5: Project Planning Phases
	32	How was the sand you'll be using analysed?	Virtual Meeting (1)	CanWhite is using the services of a third-party certified lab (IS 9001:2015 and ISO/IEC 17025:2017), that performs this type of mineralogical / sand testing.	N/A
	33	Will there be a steam cloud produced by the drying process?	Virtual Meeting (1)	No steam cloud will be produced from the sand drying process. The moisture in the sand will evaporate from the heat of the dryer and the hot air/dust will pass through the baghouse to capture dust particles.	Section 2.1.2: Sand Treatment: Dry Processing
	34	How will you meet and/or exceed environmental standards?	Virtual Meeting (1)		Section 1.6: Regulatory Framework
Project Description - Water Use	35	How much water does the sand Processing Facility use and where will you be getting the water?		The Facility Project will require two groundwater wells; one dedicated to emergency fire suppression and the other for use by employees for sinks, showers and toilets in the Processing Facility. The amount of groundwater required for these Facility needs will be minor and will need to be permitted by regulatory authorities to protect the aquifer. The total daily water requirement is 200 to 300 gallons (757 to 1,136 litres) per day to operate the Processing Facility. No water from the aquifer is needed to run wet or dry sand processing components; processing water will be recycled in a loop system.	
	36	How much makeup water will be required per year and where will it come from?		The water required for the Wet Plant is 100% recycled water in a loop system from the slurry line that enters the Wet Plant. Therefore, no additional makeup water is required that will not already exist in the loop system. The Dry Plant does not require any make-up water. Therefore, there is no draw on the aquifer for the Wet Plant or Dry Plant sand processing operations. During the winter months, the water in the clarifier and Wet Plant systems will be drained, and stored in an on-site surface water storage tank for the winter. In the spring, the water required to start up the clarifier and associated Wet Plant equipment will come from the winter surface water storage tank which will mitigate the need to take additional water from the aquifer.	Section 2.7: Water Use
	37	How much water if necessary is needed to maintain the Wet Plant?		Due to the very low clay/silt content of the sand entering the Processing Facility (i.e. 0.46%) through the slurry line versus most other sand deposits having 15% to 25% clay content, very little water is required for the Wet Plant to prepare the sand for drying compared to a traditional sand processing facility. See the response to the above question #36 regarding the volume of makeup water required.	Section 2.7: Water Use

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	38	If the wet plant shuts down in winter will all the water be drained and resupplied in spring start up? if so, what happens to the drained water?	Email (1)	When the Wet Plant is shut down for the winter, water present in the Wet Plant system will be diverted to a holding tank for storage over the winter. Water from this tank will then be used to supply the Wet Plant system in the spring.	Section 2.7: Water Use
Project Description - Stockpiles	39	How will dust from stockpiles be controlled?	Email (1); Virtual Meeting (1)	and therefore will be too wet to be a source of dust to the surrounding environment.	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing; Section 2.1.2: Sand Treatment: Dry Processing; Section 6.3.1: Air Quality
	40	If the sand stockpiles are wet how will they be prevented from freezing in winter?	Email (1)		Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing
	41	What will happen to the water drained from the sand from the slurry extraction and off the stockpiles? How much water drainage will there be a year?	Email (1)	This water is piped back into the water recycling system. Sand will be at a 15% moisture	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing
	42	What will be the volume of the sand stockpiles, number of stockpiles and dimensions of the stockpiles?	Email (1)	approximately 26.7 m (94 ft) and 14.9 m (49 ft) in height respectively. Volumes will be	Section 2.1.1: Sand Treatment: Wet Processing; Figure 2-2: Processing Facility Components
	43	The sand piles from CanWhite's exploration activities were not all reclaimed in 2019 due to early winter storms. At any time over the winter, were the piles of silica sand which were left behind not watered down or otherwise protected to prevent spread in the wind?	Virtual Meeting (1)		N/A
Project Description - Sand Product Market Use	44	By using rail as your main transportation source, are you shipping the silica sand to be used in the oil industry outside of the province and/or country?	Email (1)	Sand will be shipped within Canada, the United States and internationally through ports on either or both the east coast and west coast of Canada. Although some of our sand may be sold to the oil and gas industry, it is of high enough silica purity that our target markets are other industries such as the medical glass industry, renewable energy industry (e.g., solar panel production), electronics (e.g. cell phones, computer chips) and telecommunications (e.g., fibre optics). Until such time that these target markets have operations in Manitoba, the sand will be shipped to established markets within Canada, the United States and internationally.	Section 1.1: Project Overview

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	45	What are the target markets for the silica sand product produced?	Email (1)	We will be targeting a variety of industry markets for our sand product (see response to #44 above). The sand product will be transported by rail to markets in North America and possibly shipped to international markets. With the development of the clean and renewable industries worldwide we anticipate the majority of our high quality sand product will go to clients for use in the clean energy industry.	Section 1.1: Project Overview
	46	What percentage of your sand product will be sold to markets other than the oil sector?	Virtual Meeting (2)	We forecast that at least 60% of the sand product will be going to various industries outside of the oil and gas industry. Also see responses to #44 and #45 above.	N/A
Project Description - Access Road	47	The access road you have indicated to utilize is a trail that goes under the hydro line and is used by snowmobiles and ATVs. This is a Snoman Inc. route as well. The highway access is also an access into other businesses, including gravel trucks. Are you intending to develop the access route into a road meeting the government requirements?	Email (1)	A new permanent access road is being planned that will accommodate emergency vehicle access and will not overlap or intersect with the Manitoba Hydro RoW access road. It will be approximately 1 km long and will be located immediately south of the facility on the municipal road allowance going west to connect with PR 302. If CanWhite uses the Manitoba Hydro RoW access road, it will only be during Project construction, and possibly early Project operations, while the permanent road is being completed (expected to last no longer than four months to one year).	Section 2.5: Access
Project Description - Decommissioning	48	Years back the land was farmland; how will the land change?	Feedback Form (1)	The Project will be located on private land that is currently mostly forested with some previously disturbed areas from forest clearcutting, aggregate extraction and exploration activities. At the end of the 24-year life of the Project, the Processing Facility and other Project components will be removed and the land will be returned to a natural condition in accordance with regulatory requirements.	Section 7: Decommissioning

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Environmental Assessment / Regulatory Review and Permitting Process	49		Email (1); Virtual Meeting (1)	CanWhite's environmental assessment activities contemplate the potential environmental effects of both the Facility Project and the Extraction Project. Both projects are 'developments' which require licensing under <i>The Environment Act</i> . The processing plant is proposed as a 'bulk materials handling facility', which is listed as a Class 1 development in section 2 of the Classes of Development Regulation under group 4, 'Manufacturing'. This category fits well because it will be " <i>a facility operated for commercial purposes for the … handling, sorting, storage, treatment [and] transfer or sale of bulk materials such as sand</i> ". Alternatively, the Project could be treated as a 'manufacturing and industrial plant' which is a Class 2 development in section 3 of the Classes of Development Regulation under group 4 "Manufacturing". It makes sense to license the Facility Project separately and in advance of extraction because: it consists of a permanent building and other infrastructure similar to other manufacturing operations located in urban or semi-urban settings; it can be operated on a commercial basis to process and transfer sand that is not mined by the same owner, provided that the sand is of the same nature and quality; special license conditions will have to be contemplated for extraction which contemplates changing of sites, which is not typical for Environment Act licenses and which will not be relevant to the Processing Facility; and construction of the Processing Facility will take time to achieve, whereas extraction involves portable drills which will move frequently and for which no construction season is required. Extraction is mining which must be licensed under <i>The Environment Act</i> as a Class 2 development and which is subject to the closure planning and financial assurance provisions of <i>The Mines and Minerals Act</i> and to the specific regulation applicable to drilling and closing boreholes. Thus all aspects of both projects are being taken into account in the regulatory review process.	Section 1.6: Regulatory Framework
	50	Have environmental assessments been done for both the Facility Project and Extraction Project and where can copies be obtained?	Email (1); Virtual Meeting (2)	Environmental assessment information for both the Facility Project and the Extraction Project will be included in separate Environment Act license applications. Copies will be made available to the public through the public review process and Government of Manitoba 'Public Registry' website: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/index.html	N/A
Engagement Program	51	Will my questions be on record?	Email (1)	Yes. All questions pertaining to the Facility Project submitted as part of CanWhite's Engagement Program, including the online Virtual Public Meeting, have been documented and are addressed within this response table. Sand extraction related questions will be addressed within a response table that will be included in a separate Environment Act Proposal document for the Extraction Project that will be submitted to the Environmental Assessment Branch in August, 2020.	Section 5: Engagement Program; Appendix I: Responses to Questions and Comments Received through the CanWhite Facility Project Engagement Program
	52	Why are you doing this event online and not in person?	Email (1)	Due to government mandated restrictions with coronavirus (COVID-19), we are not able to hold an in-person event at this time. We are following the Province of Manitoba's recommendations to host a live event online. We would prefer to have done this in- person. As noted in the presentation we will be doing another Public Meeting/Open House as part of our Extraction Project review process. We hope that we will be able to do that one in person.	Section 5: Engagement Program

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT / TOPIC	KEY ISSUE / QUESTION REFERENCE NUMBER	KEY ISSUE / QUESTION RAISED	METHOD OF SUBMISSION (Virtual Public Meeting / Email / Phone)*	RESPONSE	LOCATION IN EAP FOR ADDITIONAL TOPIC INFORMATION
	53	Concern that the Virtual Meeting via the Zoom application could be potentially hacked; preferred an in-person Open House event.	Email (1)	Considering that coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions prevented an in-person Open House event, although that would have been CanWhite's preference, we believe Zoom (virtual on-line meeting) was the right choice to best meet expectations for public accessibility and hacking prevention. To allow for a seamless event for areas that have restrictions on high speed internet access, we used the Zoom registration security platform that requires each participant access the Virtual meeting by using a unique log- in procedure to prevent hacking.	Section 5: Engagement Program; and Appendix H: Public Engagement Program Communication Materials, May 2020
	54	What's the point of having this [Virtual Zoom] meeting if we have no say whether you go ahead with your facility or not?	Virtual Meeting (1)	The purpose of the Virtual Public Meeting held on May 26, 2020 was to inform the public of our plans, collect comments, and answer questions about the proposed Facility Project. The Environment Act license process includes an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the application. Manitoba regulators take the public's comments and concerns into account in their decision making.	Section 5: Engagement Program
	55	What are your plans and guidelines for Indigenous engagement?	Virtual Meeting (1)	We are following municipal and provincial government guidance and requirements regarding Project-related engagement.	N/A
Questions about CanWhite	56	Where is your office in Winnipeg?	Email (1)	There is no CanWhite office in Winnipeg.	N/A
	57	What is your corporate connection to Canadian Premium Sand?	Email (1)	CanWhite Sands has no connection whatsoever with Canadian Premium Sand. There is no cross-ownership between the two companies. There are no common directors or officers, and there is no relationship for any form of joint operations between the two companies.	N/A

*Number in parentheses after each 'Method of Submission' indicates the number of submissions that raised the Key Issue/Question.

Note: The Key Issues / Questions raised were submitted to CanWhite during May and June, 2020. Some issues/questions have been summarized for clarity and readability. Only questions related to the Facility Project have been included in this table. A summary list of potential environmental effects of the proposed Project and the design features, standard operating procedures and other mitigation measures that will be implemented is provided in Table 6-5.