

**Our File: EA0809-004
Fortune Minerals NICO Project**

April 9, 2009

Fortune Minerals Ltd. NICO Cobalt-Gold-Bismuth Project Distribution List

Re: Scheduling for Scoping Phase of the Environmental Assessment of Fortune Minerals Ltd. NICO Project

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is currently undertaking an environmental assessment of Fortune Minerals Ltd.'s proposed NICO Project. The project includes the activities and physical structures related to Land Use Permit application W2008D0016 and Water Licence application W2008L2-0004. On February 7th, 2009, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada referred this proposed development to environmental assessment on the grounds this development might cause a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Review Board is now starting the scoping phase of the environmental assessment. Please refer to the Public Registry document *NICO Scoping Letter – April 2 09*, available at http://reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/1238778601_NICO_Project_Summary_April_2_09.PDF for a brief overview of the scoping phase of the environmental assessment of the NICO Project. The scoping phase is an opportunity for the public to voice any concerns they may have about a particular development.

Scheduling

Review Board staff has scheduled to hold community scoping sessions on the following dates:

Whati, NT

Meeting place: Whati Cultural Centre

Date: Monday, April 27th, 2009

Duration: 6pm – 10pm (supper provided)

Meeting place: Whati Cultural Centre

Date: Tuesday, April 28th, 2009

Duration: 10am – 12pm

Behchoko, NT

Meeting place: Behchoko Cultural Centre

Date: Monday May 4th, 2009

Duration: 10am – 5pm (lunch provided)

**Gameti, NT**

Review Board staff will post the dates and locations for the Gameti issues scoping session to the public registry once dates can be confirmed.

Meeting place: TBD

Date: TBD

Duration: TBD

Review Board staff will also hold a technical scoping session in Yellowknife on the following date:

Yellowknife, NT

Meeting place: Tree of Peace Friendship Centre

Date: Monday April 20th, 2009

Duration: 9am – 4:30pm

The developer and interested parties are advised to consider Fortune Minerals Ltd.'s application documents for the proposed development, which include project descriptions. This information is available on the website public registry at www.reviewboard.ca, or can be downloaded from the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board's website at <http://www.mvlwb.ca/WLWB/default.aspx>. Interested parties are welcome to submit scoping comments in writing to the Review Board at any point in time between now and **May 15, 2009**.

At each of these scoping sessions, Review Board staff will outline the environmental assessment process and identify the goals of the scoping sessions. The developer will then provide a presentation outlining the proposed development, and organizations and individuals will be offered the opportunity to identify key issues they feel need to be examined during the environmental assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding the process or to access information on the public record. I can be reached at 766-7056 or by e-mail at aehrlich@reviewboard.ca.

Sincerely,

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