



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

ISSUES SCOPING

for the environmental assessment of

Fortune Minerals Ltd. NICO Project EA0809-004

Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Monday April 20th, 2009

9:00 am	Prayer and opening remarks
9:15 am	Introduction to environmental assessment
9:30 am	Project outline - Fortune Minerals Ltd.
10:20 am	<i>Break - snacks provided</i>
10:35 am	Environmental Overview- Fortune Minerals Ltd.
10:50	General discussion
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:15 pm	Continue with general discussion
2:45 pm	<i>Break - snacks provided</i>
3:00 pm	Continue with Discussion
4:15 pm	Review of the discussion
4:30 pm	Closing remarks and prayer

Cards:

To better understand your concerns, we will record what you say on a card, which will be placed on the wall for all of us to see.

If you have a concern, you can also write it on a card and put it on the wall whenever you like. You can keep these cards anonymous. This is a good way to gather ideas, and we will take these cards back with us for our records.



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Important Information:

The Review Board will be accepting written comments until May 15th, 2009.

What is an “issues scoping session”?

Scoping is one of the first steps in environmental assessment. During issues scoping sessions, interested groups and members of the public share their views about what issues and outstanding questions the Review Board should learn more about throughout the rest of the environmental assessment.

By knowing early on what the most important issues are, the Review Board can develop a focused *Terms of Reference* and a workplan to make solid environmental impact assessment decisions. During this meeting, the Review Board staff would like to hear what issues interested parties and the public feel the Review Board should focus on during this environmental assessment.

Throughout the scoping phase, your questions might not be answered right away. This is a session to bring up questions that you think the Review Board should ask the developer during the environmental assessment. The answers may come later in the *Developer's Assessment Report*, the report which describes the developer's predictions of impacts in more detail.

What will happen in this scoping hearing today?

The Review Board would like to know what you think is important to focus on when examining the potential impacts of Fortune Minerals Ltd.'s proposed NICO Project. You can bring up anything that you or think is relevant to the assessment, such as:

- ❖ fish and aquatic life
- ❖ water
- ❖ wildlife
- ❖ community wellness
- ❖ socio-economics of the region
- ❖ cumulative effects
- ❖ air quality
- ❖ traditional knowledge

To make sure that everyone is familiar with the environmental assessment process of the Mackenzie Valley, Review Board staff will begin with an overview to this system. Once that is completed, the developer will describe, in detail, their development project. They will describe what already exists at the site, what they proposed to do, how they will do that and what the potential impacts are. The rest of the time is for interested parties to ask questions that clarify what the developer proposes, and provide comments.



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If you do not want to speak publicly, or missed the scoping meeting, the Review Board will be accepting written submissions until May 15th, 2009.

What happens after the scoping session?

Scoping meetings are more about identifying the issues than getting resolving them. After issues scoping, the Review Board will write a *Terms of Reference*, which specifies what information the developer must provide in its *Developers Assessment Report*. Scoping sessions help the Review Board decide what issues need to be addressed in the *Developers Assessment Report*. A workplan accompanies each *Terms of Reference*, to clarify the environmental assessment process and estimate how long each step will take. These two documents are based on the issues brought up during issues scoping sessions.

Where can I find more information?

If you want to know more about the NICO Project or about the environmental assessment process, the Review Board keeps a record, called a *public registry*, which contains all of the documents that have been shared about the project. Most of the documents are available at mveirb.nt.ca (and click on **Public Registry**).

You can also contact **Alan Ehrlich**, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer [(867) 766-7056; toll free at 1-866-912-3472; or by e-mail at aehrlich@reviewboard.ca].