



News Release

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NICO Project hearings re-scheduled to August 27 – 31, 2012

YELLOWKNIFE – The Review Board has re-scheduled hearings for the Fortune Minerals Limited NICO Project to the week of August 27-31, 2012. In finalizing the hearing dates, the Review Board has endeavoured to strike a balance between the requests of parties, the availability of suitable facilities and a timely environmental assessment.

The proposed NICO Project is an open pit and underground mine located approximately 50 kilometers northeast of Whati.

The revised NICO Project hearing dates are:

August 27 – Whati

August 29 – Yellowknife

August 30 – Behchoko

August 31 - Behchoko

The Board notifies parties that in accordance with clause 8 of the *Rules of Procedure 2005*, it has waived the requirement in clause 67 regarding the requirement for 30 days notification in advance of a hearing. A pre-hearing conference is set for July 30 at the Review Board's boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Scotia Centre Building (5102-50th Avenue) in Yellowknife.

About the Review Board

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in 1998 as an independent administrative tribunal responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories. As a co-



management board, aboriginal land claim organizations nominate half of the board members, and the federal and territorial governments nominate the other half of the board members. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada appoints all the members to the Review Board.

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