

Oct. 6, 2011

To Parties:

Re: Technical session for environmental assessment of Giant Mine Remediation Project

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board will host a technical session on **October 17th to 21st 2011** at the Champagne Room (5004 50th Ave- 2nd floor) in Yellowknife, NT.

This technical session will be a forum for dialogue between the environmental assessment parties and the developer of the Giant Mine Remediation Project. In the Review Board's experience, a face-to-face approach helps parties gather information and resolve issues efficiently. The Review Board hopes that this session will help reduce the number and increase the focus of written information requests in the remainder of the environmental assessment.

Review Board staff will facilitate this session. Parties are encouraged to review their earlier information requests and responses to prepare for this session and have questions ready to pose to the developer.

The meeting will be transcribed and the transcription will be distributed when available and included in the public record for the EA. Parties should be prepared on the day of the meeting to ask clearly formulated questions of the developer and any other party necessary. These questions should focus on the technical aspects of the proposed project and pertain to the issues set out in the Terms of Reference and the Developer's Assessment Report. By asking concise questions and requesting specific information, with clear rationale for the need for that information, this technical session will be both useful to all participants and conducted in



an efficient and timely manner. Further information on the purpose of a technical session may be found online at the Review Board's web site in the Reference Library, in our step-by-step through the process section.

The developer will answer the questions posed to them at the meeting if possible. Should the developer require more time to research or compile the information requested, it will be allowed to provide its response in writing by Nov. 14, 2011. Should questions posed by the parties or any other participant lead to lengthy discussions, Review Board staff may direct the parties and developer to have a sidebar meeting and report on the results or to provide the information requested in writing by Nov. 14, 2011.

The developer will submit its presentations to the Review Board and parties on Tuesday October 11th. A draft agenda is available on the Review Board website. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

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