

July 25 2012

EA0809-001 Giant Mine Remediation Project

To parties:

**Re: Tomorrow's pre-hearing conference**

As you are aware, the pre-hearing conference for the Giant environmental assessment is scheduled for June 26, 2012 from 9:30 am to 12 noon MST. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board office, on the second floor of the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife.

Parties that are outside Yellowknife can join by **teleconference at 1-877-215-4724**. The participant **code is 338 24 36**. Please advise me if you plan to participate by phone.

**Purpose of a pre-hearing conference**

This pre-hearing conference gives parties an opportunity to assist in planning for the upcoming public hearings in Yellowknife. The pre-hearing conference is open to all parties to this environmental assessment along with Review Board staff and counsel. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Outline the process for community and public hearings
- Identify resolved and unresolved issues between parties
- Set the agenda for the hearings
- Clarify the procedures and answer any questions

Any parties attending the pre-hearing conference should read the guidance on is on our website at: [http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref\\_library/2011\\_prehearing\\_conference\\_flat\\_sheet\\_1318622105.PDF](http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/2011_prehearing_conference_flat_sheet_1318622105.PDF) .

The pre-hearing conference will be most efficient if parties are familiar with the Review Board's *Rules of Procedures*. Participants should be aware of resolved and unresolved issues in order to focus discussions during the meeting.

The pre-hearing conference will be informal and chaired by Review Board staff. Review Board members will not be present.



## How to prepare for the pre-hearing conference

Parties should consult the Rules of Procedure available online in the reference library section on our website ([http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference\\_lib/index.php?section=19](http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/index.php?section=19)). The following questions may assist parties in preparation for the pre-hearing conference.

- What are the unresolved or outstanding issues
- Why are these issues being raised
- Are there opportunities for resolving a particular issue
- What are the relevant facts in this EA
- Do parties agree on these facts
- Will technical advisors be assisting parties
- On what documents are parties relying
- What documents are needed from parties and why
- How much time during the hearing is needed for each issue

After the pre-hearing conference, parties their hearing presentations. These will be submitted to the Review Board and will be posted on the public registry. Doing this ensures that no new material is introduced for the first time at the hearings, all parties know what material will be presented and everybody has fair opportunity to prepare.

## What to bring to a pre-hearing conference

Parties should attend the pre-hearing conference with the following material:

- List of issues to be addressed at the hearing
- List of any documents required from other parties with rationale
- List of any technical advisors
- Identification of issues that are unresolved, description of efforts to resolve issues, description of why agreement was not reached and what resolution may be acceptable

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Giant Mine Remediation Project**  
**Pre-hearing Conference Agenda**  
July 26, 2012

9:30 am – 12 noon MST

1. Opening comments from Review Board staff
2. Review of Rules of Procedure and hearing process
3. Clarify difference between community hearing and public hearing
4. Suggestions for hearing presentation
5. Unresolved issues
6. Agenda
7. Time allotments for presentations at hearings
8. Logistics
9. Upcoming deadlines and dates
10. Closing remarks

Dial-in number: 1-877-215-4724

Participant code: 338 24 36