

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

EA1011-001  
Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project

To all parties:

**Re: Pre-hearing conference – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

A pre-hearing conference for the Thor Lake Project EA public hearing is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 12 pm MST. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board office located in the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife.

Parties that are outside Yellowknife can join by teleconference at 1-877-215-4724. The participant code is 3404306.

**Purpose of a pre-hearing conference**

This pre-hearing conference gives parties an opportunity to assist in planning for the public and community hearings in Yellowknife and Fort Resolution. The meeting will include all parties to this environmental assessment (EA) along with Review Board staff and counsel. Participation is mandatory. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Outline the format 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

The pre-hearing conference will be most efficient if parties are familiar with the Review Board's Rules of Procedure, available on the Review Board website. 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.

A list of parties to the Thor Lake Project EA is attached. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## **EA1011-001 – Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project EA: List of Parties**

- Fort Resolution Metis Council
- Transport Canada
- Blachford Lake Lodge
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Tlicho government
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- K'atlo'deeche First Nation
- Environment Canada
- Akaitcho Treaty 8 Tribal Council
- Avalon Rare Metals Inc.