

## **Debogorski Diamond Exploration (EA 1112-001)**

### **Meeting with Alex Debogorski, government representatives, and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board**

**May 18, 2011 – CanNor Boardroom, Nova Plaza, 5019-52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yellowknife**

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#### **Meeting Participants:**

**Proponent:** Alex Debogorski

#### **Government of the Northwest Territories**

Environment & Natural Resources: Gavin More, Sarah True, Kimberly Balsillie

Industry, Tourism & Investment: Jessica Budgell

Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre: Glen MacKay

#### **Government of Canada**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Lorraine Seale, Mike Byrne, Russ Teed

Northern Projects Management Office: Matthew Spence, Kate Witherly, Manik Duggar

**Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board:** Rebecca Chouinard, Jen Potten

**Purpose of meeting:** opportunity for the proponent to present his project and receive feedback and advice from regulators, and opportunity for departments and agencies to ask questions.

#### **Meeting summary:**

The proponent provided an overview of the Debogorski Diamond Exploration project. The proponent is applying for a diamond exploration project that includes one to five drill-holes approximately 300 feet deep. The project is located in the Drybones Bay area, approximately 50 kilometres southeast of Yellowknife. The proponent indicated that he had applied for a land use permit after his application for relief of permit maintenance under section 81 of the NWT and Nunavut Mining Regulations was denied. The environmental assessment was triggered when he applied for the land use permit.

Following the project overview a few issues were discussed and are summarized below.

#### **Archaeology report**

Proponent was unsure if a previously completed archaeology study covers the area in his land use permit request. The Prince of Wales Heritage Centre (PWHC) has an archaeology report on file but due to its confidential nature, it can not be posted to the public registry. The PWHC will look at the report and can either submit it to the board in confidence, or provide a summary to the board indicating the results for the proponent's property.

## **Map**

MVEIRB has requested a map of where the drill holes will be so the proponent is looking for a map or overhead picture so he can indicate the drill-hole locations. INAC's Mineral Development Division has pictures of the area and they can provide the proponent with one so he can draw the location of the drill holes. Alternatively, the proponent was advised that he can go to the Mining Recorder's Office and get a 1:50000 map of the area.

## **Section 81 – NWT and Nunavut Mining Regulations**

The lessee, permittee, or holder of a mineral claim must do a certain amount of work to keep the tenure in good standing. Minor work can be done that does not necessarily require a land use permit.

The proponent indicated that Aurora Geophysics had done some work on his property but did not indicate this on his land use application. INAC's Mineral Development Division advised the proponent that he could go to the Mining Recorder's Office to see if the work done could be filed on record.

## **Changes to application**

The proponent was advised that the information included in his land use application is what is assessed by the land and water board. If there are any changes to the project it is important that the board be advised. The proponent has Snowfield's permission to use their existing camp while drilling, but the land use permit for that camp is set to expire in August 2011 so the proponent advised the MVLWB that after that date he will make alternative accommodation arrangements.

## **Government participation**

The GNWT will not have a big role in this project because the associated concerns are likely to be cultural as opposed to environmental or archaeological.

Both GNWT and INAC have requested in their responses to the EA work plan that the MVEIRB that the board clarify the difference between a recommended measure and suggestions. Governments and parties are not required to implement suggestions.