

EA1415-02

Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project

## Note to File

**Re: Pre-hearing conference held Monday May 25, 2015, 1:30-3:00 pm.**

A pre-hearing conference was held at the Mackenzie Valley Review Board boardroom on May 25, 2015 in order to prepare parties for the public hearings for this EA.

### Present in the boardroom:

Simon Toogood (MVEIRB)  
 Alan Ehrlich (MVEIRB)  
 John Donihee (MVEIRB)  
 Sarah Robertson (Cannor)  
 Monica Wendt (GNWT)  
 Glen McKay (GNWT)  
 JF Dufour (GNWT)

Bradley Summerfield (EC)  
 Melissa Pinto (EC)  
 Chuck Hubert (MVEIRB)  
 Charlotte Henry (GNWT)  
 Rohan Brown (GNWT)  
 Eric Christensen (Husky)  
 Todd Slack (YKDFN)

Chris Rose (MVEIRB)  
 Brad Enge (GNWT-ITI)  
 Dave White (Aurora  
 Geoscience)  
 David Alexander (Cannor)  
 Kate Mansfield (MVEIRB)  
 Rauri Carthew (MVEIRB)

### Present via teleconference:

Paul Bachard (TG)  
 Ginger Gibson (TG)  
 Rosy Bjornson (DKFN)  
 Mark D'entremont (DKFN)  
 Ken Hansen (Husky)

Odie Hansen (Husky)  
 Paul Arnot (Husky)  
 Kim G. (Husky)  
 Jennica von Kuster (Husky)  
 Brad Bates (Husky)

Will Sandfort (Husky)  
 Sjeord van der Wielen  
 (DKFN)

Review Board staff described the rules of procedure for public hearings and gave an overview of the hearing process. For this EA, one hearing will be held in Behchoko on June 18<sup>th</sup> and one hearing will be held in Yellowknife on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both hearings will be open to the public, with a focus on community concerns in Behchoko and interventions from parties in Yellowknife

### Parties with intervenor status include:

- Government of Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Tlicho Government
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Deninu K'ue First Nation
- North Slave Metis Alliance



The following work plan summarizes key upcoming dates for intervenors and the developer:

Intervenors' Interventions	Monday June 8, 2015
Developer's response to interventions	Monday June 15, 2015
Developer's Behchoko hearing presentation	Wednesday June 17, 2015
Community hearings Behchoko	Thursday June 18, 2015
Intervenors' presentations and Developer's Yellowknife Presentation	Friday June 19, 2015
Community hearing Yellowknife	Tuesday June 23, 2015
If further evidence is required: the Review Board determines appropriate additional process steps	June 2015
If no further evidence is required after the completion of the hearing: Issuance of decision and Report of EA	August 2015

Tips for preparing effective public hearing presentations can be found at the following link: [http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref\\_library/Public\\_hearing\\_tipsguide\\_1240350117.pdf](http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/Public_hearing_tipsguide_1240350117.pdf)  
Final agendas for each hearing will be posted on the public registry by Monday June 8, 2015.

The Review Board's process for managing the YKDFN's request for ruling, directed towards the Government of Canada, was discussed. All intervenors, other than YKDFN and the Government of Canada, indicated that they do not require an opportunity to comment on the request for ruling.

Intervenors raised concerns that the amount of time for the Yellowknife public hearing may be insufficient to allow for questioning, present intervenor's interventions and hear from the public. Intervenor's requested that the Yellowknife public hearing start at 9:00 am in order to provide additional time. The Review Board will provide a response to Intervenor's request on June 3, 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

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