

Giant Mine Project Working Group
Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2013

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Waldron Building, 1st Floor Boardroom

Meeting chaired by Jane Amphlett, AANDC

In Attendance:

Wendy Alexander - City of Yellowknife, Engineering

Erika Nyyssonen - GNWT

Aileen Stevens – GNWT

Morag McPherson – DFO

Amy Sparks – EC

Kevin O'Reilly – Alternatives North

Minutes:

- 1.0 General discussion held on the format of the working group. Terms of reference to be formalized at next meeting once input received from full membership. Membership will comprise of interested parties and will be open to further public involvement if requested. Minutes to be publically available however the mechanism for this is to be determined (options include the AANDC and GNWT websites and / or the MVLWB). Meeting frequency is proposed monthly with quarterly meetings allowing more in depth coverage, site tours etc. Standing dates for meeting to be agreed upon with flexible agenda. A workplan will be developed by Jane.
- 2.0 A brief summary was provided of the Giant regional project team and the project governance structure. Kevin O'Reilly requested an organization chart be distributed to the parties.
- 3.0 Update on site activities provided. Focus currently on spring thaw and the care and maintenance contractor is clearing roads, culverts and servicing pumps. It was noted that based on current water levels discharge to Baker Creek will begin in July and no request to DFO for early discharge will be required. Morag clarified that the early discharge request is not a regulatory requirement however it is preferable to discharge in July as in general fish are no longer residing in the Baker Creek by then. With freshet now starting water management activities are ongoing at site and Baker Creek is being closely monitored.
- 4.0 Discussion of emergency response plans. There was a request to distribute response plans to the parties and clarify the involvement of parties in the development of these plans. The current Spill Contingency Plan (prepared by the care and maintenance

- contractor) for the site is on file with the MVLWB. It was also noted that a meeting was planned for May 7th with first responders (City Fire department, RCMP etc) to address the roaster emergency plan.
- 5.0 Discussion of regulatory issues. Question was raised on why the project is not applying for a development permit from the City for the site stabilization work. The project did apply for a demolition permit from the City. A letter was submitted to the City outlining why the project was not applying for a development permit and it was noted that discussions with City are ongoing as this relationship is very important to the project. Comments on the management plans for the roaster work are due May 13th with the MVLWB. Current schedule is for Board to approve plans at meeting June 6 and then decontamination work will begin.
 - 6.0 Roaster schedule and brief description of work was provided. Decontamination of the stack and flues will begin first and then the buildings. There will be a break for winter and work will restart in the spring. Parsons have developed a presentation for public forums in N'dilo and Yellowknife on May 7-8. Kevin requested a copy of the deck as he cannot attend.
 - 7.0 Underground schedule and description. Contract is currently posted with award scheduled for late July / early August. There will be a public forum to introduce the successful contractor.
 - 8.0 Air Monitoring program – separate programs developed for roaster and site wide. The roaster contractor (Parsons) has hired Williams Engineering to conduct the roaster monitoring plan. There was a request to provide more information on the experience Williams has in air monitoring projects. PWGSC is in the process of awarding the site wide monitoring programs to a separate consultant. Both GNWT (Aileen Stevens) and Environment Canada (Dave Fox) provided input during the development of the plan. Kevin asked clarification on who will provide comments to the Board on the roaster dust management plan. Aileen responded that GNWT will not be commenting since they were involved in developing the plan.
 - 9.0 Public access to data. Brief discussion on the use of a web cam for the roaster project and providing online access to air monitoring data. Plan for webcam is in development with contractor. Access to air monitoring data is technically complex however the team will continue to work to address this.
 - 10.0 It was noted that a structural assessment of the A-shaft head frame has been recently completed. The project team will distribute more info once recommendations from this report are available.
 - 11.0 Water treatment – project team previously committed to providing additional information on ion exchange. This will be distributed by May 17th.
 - 12.0 Release of report of EA. General discussion around process for responding and consulting with parties. It was noted that the response to the EA is lead by a separate department within AANDC. The project will try to provide more information on who to

contact and where information can be obtained, however it is difficult to speculate until report is issued.

13.0 Next Regular Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June in Yellowknife. Location and time TBD based on availability.

14.0 Adjournment: 3:30 PM

Action items list:

Responsible:

Completed:

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Provide organization structure to parties.	Jane	
Emergency response plans – provide and clarify involvement of parties in development.	Jane	
Send copy of Parsons presentation on roaster to Kevin	Jane	
Provide requested info on ion exchange by May 17	Jane	
Provide additional information on experience of roaster air monitoring contractor.	Jane	