

NOTICE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

HARDROCK PROJECT, PREMIER GOLD MINES HARDROCK INC.

Premier Gold Mines Hardrock Inc. (Premier) has initiated a study under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) for the Hardrock Project (the Undertaking). This undertaking involves the establishment, construction, operation, and retirement of an open pit gold mine and ore processing facility, and any ancillary activities. The Hardrock Gold Deposit is located in Northern Ontario, Canada, approximately 275 kilometers north east of Thunder Bay. It is situated just a few kilometers south of the urban settlement area in the Ward of Geraldton, which is part of the amalgamated Municipality of Greenstone. The property is located on a site that was actively mined in the 1930-1990s.

The Process: The study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the EAA. The first step of the process is preparation of a Terms of Reference, which outlines the framework and work plan for addressing the EAA requirements when preparing the environmental assessment. This will include the alternatives that will be considered, how environmental effects will be evaluated, and public consultation opportunities. A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared and is being issued by Premier for public comment.

A final proposed Terms of Reference will then be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (the Ministry) and will be issued for a formal comment period coordinated by the Ministry. If approved by the Minister, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

In addition to the Provincial process the Undertaking will also be subject to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. For additional information please refer to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Registry referencing # 80068 (<http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80068>).

Premier is working with federal and provincial representatives to coordinate the environmental assessment processes, including public consultation opportunities wherever possible.

Consultation:

Members of the public, Aboriginal groups, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, including this opportunity to provide comment on the draft Terms of Reference. All consultation events will be advertised in local newspapers, on local radio, on the project website (<http://www.premiergoldmines.com/s/Hardrock.asp>), and via community newsletters.

Beginning October 15th 2014, the draft Terms of Reference will be available for download at <http://www.premiergoldmines.com/s/Hardrock.asp>, and at Premier's offices in Geraldton (404 Main St., Suite D) and Thunder Bay (1100 Russell Street, Suite 200). Additionally, the draft Terms of Reference will be available at local Aboriginal community offices, and at Public Information Centres to be held the week of October 28th 2014, as detailed below.

Your written comments on the draft Terms of Reference are requested by November 15th 2014. All comments and questions about the Project and the draft Terms of Reference should be directed to:

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In addition, Premier will host Public Information Centres (PICs), as follows:

Meeting Locations

Longlac

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
TIME: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 1:00 p.m.**
PLACE: Longlac Sportsplex Upstairs Meeting Room
200 Picnic Point Rd, Longlac, ON

Nakina

DATE: Wednesday, October 29, 2014
TIME: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 6:00 p.m.**
PLACE: Nakina Community Centre, Nakina, ON

Geraldton

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
TIME: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 6:00 p.m.**
PLACE: Royal Canadian Legion (Br. 133)
520 Main Street, Geraldton, ON

Note: this will be a presentation-style meeting in English, with French-speaking staff available to answer questions, as required.

Comments are being collected to assist Premier in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number, and property location – is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

This Notice first issued on October 15th 2014.

