

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE PREPARATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE: HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

## 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 northeast of Thunder Bay. It is situated just a few kilometers south of 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 environmental assessment process 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. The Terms of Reference will outline the purpose of the Undertaking, the description and rationale for alternative, and how environmental effects of the alternatives being considered will be identified and evaluated. The Terms of Reference will also detail how members of the public, Aboriginal communities and government agencies will be consulted during the environmental assessment process. If approved, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework and commitments for how the environmental assessment will be prepared.

In addition to the Provincial process, the Undertaking is also 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>).

### Consultation:

Members of the public, Aboriginal communities, government agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the environmental assessment planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, and will be advertised in local newspapers, on local radio, on the project website (<http://www.premiergoldmines.com/s/Hardrock-CommunityRelations.asp>), and via community newsletters.

Please be advised that Premier will be hosting the following Public Information Centres (PIC) as outlined below. Premier will present an overview of the Provincial EA process and will gather input and comments on the proposed Terms of Reference approach, including the proposed consultation plan for the EA process.

### Meeting Locations

#### Nakina

DATE: Monday, September 22, 2014  
TIME: 6pm – 7:30pm **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 6:00pm**  
PLACE: Nakina Community Centre, Nakina, ON

#### Long Lake #58 First Nation

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
TIME: 2pm – 3:30pm **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 2:00pm**  
PLACE: Long Lake #58 Cultural Centre, Longlac, ON  
**\*Members Only\***

#### Longlac

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
TIME: 6pm – 7:30pm **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 6:00pm**  
PLACE: Longlac Sportsplex Upstairs Meeting Room  
200 Picnic Point Rd, Longlac, ON

#### Geraldton

DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 2014  
TIME: 6pm – 7:30pm **PRESENTATION STARTS AT 6:00pm**  
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.

All comments and questions about the Undertaking and the Terms of Reference process should be directed to:

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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.

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