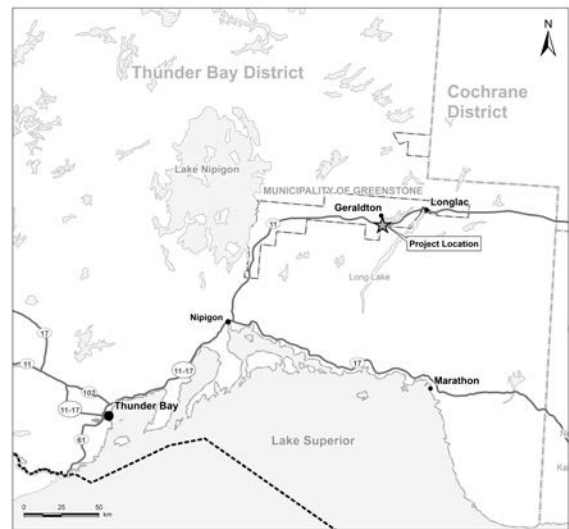


NOTICE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMMUNITY MEETING HARDROCK PROJECT, PREMIER GOLD MINES HARDROCK INC.

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, and via community newsletters.

The Terms of Reference was made available starting October 15th 2014 on the Project website (<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). A copy of the draft Terms of Reference is also available at the Long Lake #58 Band Office, and will be available at the upcoming community meeting to present an overview of the Provincial EA process and gather input and comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Note: this will be a presentation-style meeting in English, with French-speaking staff available to answer questions, as required.

Long Lake #58 First Nation - Open to Long Lake #58 First Nation Members

DATE: Monday, November 10th, 2014 TIME: 2pm – 4:30pm PRESENTATION AT 2:00pm

PLACE: Long Lake #58 Cultural Centre, Longlac, ON

All comments and questions about the Undertaking and the draft Terms of Reference should be directed to: Amiel Blajchman, Director, Environment, Aboriginal and Community Affairs
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