### GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD

### AND THE GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2016, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (MT)

### Janvier Boardroom, Explorer Hotel

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Present	Kathy Racher (GMOB), Ken Hall (GMOB), David Livingstone (GMOB), Ginger Stones (GMOB), Tony Brown (GMOB), Ben Nind (ED), Letitia Pokiak (Administrator), Natalie Plato (INAC), Craig Wells (INAC), Erika Nyyssonen (GNWT), Aaron Braumburger (INAC)
Regrets:	Stephan Gabos (GMOB)

GMOB Chair, Kathy Racher called the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

### 1. WELCOME

Welcome by the Chair Kathy. Round table introductions were made.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

## 3. GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB)

# a. Feedback – Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) Draft 2014/15 Annual Report – Format Review

The Draft GMRP 2014-15 Annual Report was provided to GMOB for comments in March 2016. The review comments are ready to be given to the Project Team. One of the major recommendations from GMOB was for the Project Team to incorporate performance targets so that it would be clear whether the project is proceeding as intended. In addition to its written comments on the annual report, GMOB also suggested that it would be helpful to look for ways to keep the annual report as brief as possible. One suggestion was to take out some of the historical information from the main body of the report and put it into an annex. The Project Team will continue to work on the Annual Report format in the next few months and may share additional versions of the report format prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> to see if GMOB's recommendations can be incorporated.

The Project Team has started to consolidate information and is planning for the GMRP 2015-16 Annual Report to be distributed by October 1, 2016. As per Section 5.4 of the Agreement, the Oversight Body shall make their evaluation available to the public. The version sent out on October 1 will be a draft and changes can be made based on comments before a final version is print-ready at the end of the year.

**Action item:** The review comments from GMOB are to be forwarded to Natalie Plato (INAC) and Lisa Dyer (GNWT).

### b. GMRP Work Plans

GMOB discussed that it had reviewed work plans from the Project in order to assess its own potential workload during the next year. GMOB suggested that in future years, it would appreciate if the GMRP team could give, each March, a summary of work planned for the upcoming fiscal year to help GMOB set its own schedule (see action item below).

There was a general discussion about the Environmental Plans and Programs, as referenced in the Environmental Agreement and GMOB's potential role in reviewing all of those plans. GMOB pointed out that it would not have the capacity to review each and every plan developed by the Project Team in detail GMOB stated that it would focus its review comments to Project oversight and the identification of gaps in product and process.

It was noted that, internally, the Federal Government has an Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) which flags issues for all projects and programs; if anything is outside of their expertise is identified, third party views can be called upon. From a regulatory point of view, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Environment Canada (EC), Workers Safety Compensation Commission (WSCC) and others ensure that there is no regulatory overlap.

The GMRP noted that it is working towards obtaining its water license in four years.

GMOB stated that in subsequent years, the Project Team must be able to provide a summary of the annual forecast with deliverables, changes to milestones, visuals and delivery/completion dates and while also setting the baseline schedules for subsequent years.

GMOB suggested the creation of dash boards for the Project to reflect back core activity both planned and active in a manner that can be easily adjusted.

GMOB noted that socio-economic work plan was missing for the current review. The Project Team stated that there had been a naming issue and that the work plan information be forwarded to GMOB for review.

**Action item:** The Co-Proponents to provide to GMOB a summarized list of activities and products planned for 2016-2017 based on all GMRP work plans.

**Action item:** The Project Team to consider if there is way of providing a snapshot or dashboard document that could GMOB could use to regularly evaluate progress on various aspects of the GMRP. This can be developed collaboratively between GMOB and the Project Team.

Action item: The Project Team to send their socio-economic work plan to GMOB for review.

Break from 3:03 to 3:19 p.m.

### c. GMOB Research Program

GMOB's Research Program was discussed in the morning meeting with the Parties and referenced again here. This lead to a discussion about communication materials for the public as it was recognized that due to its central downtown location, the public is likely to

come to the GMOB office for many different kinds of inquiry. INAC wondered whether GMOB would be able to even provide information about potential jobs for the GMRP to the public or at least a reference to where people could find the information.

It was discussed that communication materials housed at the GMOB office will consist of specific GMOB materials as well as project information from the Co-Proponents and the Parties.

GMOB asked if and when a meeting could be arranged with the Federal Minister. INAC stated that the Minister is to be in Yellowknife in the fall for meetings and that they would inform GMOB of the possibility of setting up a meeting.

**Action item:** GMOB to meet with the Project Team to review their essential communication materials for distribution at the GMOB storefront.

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### 4. GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

The Project Team updated GMOB on their recent past activities.

This included:

- Baker Creek bridge to be rebuilt
- underground electrical upgrades
- A shaft removal
- Giant Mine curling rink removal
- Surface Design Engagement draft report
- Human Health Risk Assessment and Stress Assessment
- Continued public/community engagement: YK Trade Show, N'Dilo Job Fair, Healing and Land Ceremony, water licensing preparation, Treasury Board, Project Schedule updates, Long Term funding post 2020, Quarterly reporting provided for the Deputy Minister.

It was suggested by that these activities and deliverables be shared in a master table with GMOB.

### 5. ADDITIONAL ISSUES

a) GMOB encouraged the Project Team take into account cumulative impacts of offsite contamination as part of their work. An example given was how the human health risk assessments was going to be done without taking into account regional exposures. Another issue was raised regarding the workers on the recent bypass road being exposed to contaminants. INAC stated that they have met with GNWT to review their roles and responsibilities regarding this issue. The Project Team stated that this issue was shared with Department of Transportation and that health assessments on the workers were conducted. The GNWT followed up with a risk assessment and the final report should now be final report.

**Action item:** Project Team to forward to GMOB the recent Giant Mine bypass construction worker health and risk assessment report.

- **b)** The Project Team is forecasting \$51-54 million to be spent this fiscal year. This will be consistent until 2020. Approximately 18% is spent internally.
- c) C509 stope/shaft is going through options analysis.
- d) The freeze optimization study is in the final stages before the final draft.
- e) There're no change in plans at this time for the open pit.

### 6. NEXT MEETING / NEXT STEPS

The next steps will be for GMOB to formally send their comments on the Draft Final Report format 2014-2015 and the review of the Work plans for 2016-2017 to the Project Team and receive the identified materials indicated from this meeting from the Project Team.

The next meeting will be planned for the fall of 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Dr. Kathy Racher

Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

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