#### Minutes

# Giant Mine Oversight Board Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 Time: Start at 9:30 am MST

Explorer Hotel, Katimavik Room D/E

| Present: | David Livingstone, Chair     |
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|          | Ken Hall                     |
|          | Graeme Clinton               |
|          | Mark Palmer                  |
|          | Marc Lange                   |
|          | Dr. Ken Froese               |
|          | Ben Nind, Executive Director |
|          | Paul Green (consultant)      |

# 1. Welcome - Chair D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:45 am. Ken H asked that this meeting be dedicated to his uncle who worked many years at Giant Mine and had recently passed.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion:** Moved: K. Hall moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of the GMOB Minutes of September 22, 2023

Motion: Moved: M. Lange moved approval of the GMOB Minutes, Sept 22, 2023

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

## 4. Review of Past Action Items

All action items have been completed.

### 5. Director Updates

- **G. Clinton** stated that his work with the Board had been very quiet since the last meeting.
- **M.** Lange updated the Board on work with Fuse Consulting in preparation for the upcoming research meetings. He is also continuing his review of the draft GMOB Research Strategy and has almost completed a redrafting of the document. He suggested that it might be useful to have Fuse do a plain language edit of the document before have the Board review it. The Board agreed.

**Action Item:** Fuse Consulting to be contracted for a plain language edit of the draft GMOB Strategy once complete.

**K. Froese** updated the Board on the HEMP sampling program, noting that YKDFN would no longer be participating in the study, as it did with the Hoèla Weteèts'eèdeè study. Ken expressed concern about the effects of these withdrawals on the studies themselves and the YKDFN community.

Ken then spoke about the GMRP final report on the acute arsenic issue. Ken felt the report's findings are not consistent with the Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) and that the Project Team should re-examine its findings. The Board asked Ken to draft a letter to the Project Team, clearly outlining the issue and the need for corrective action.

**Action Item:** K. Froese to draft a letter to the GMRP regarding the onsite acute toxicity issue, outlining the need to address the issue through the QRA and not the HHERA.

The Board then discussed proposed updates to the GNWT Environmental Guidelines for Contaminated Sites remediation and asked Ken to review the guidelines for the Board.

**Action Item:** K. Froese to review the proposed GNWT Environmental Guidelines for Contaminated Sites remediation and submit his comments to the Board.

- **M. Palmer** stated that he had attended the recent GMRP Working Group meeting but otherwise had been quiet.
- **D.** Livingstone stated that he had been involved with a number of administrative duties with the office but otherwise had been quiet.
- **P. Green** reported on the recent GMRP Working Group meeting, noting updates on the site work, schedule, exceedances, onsite issues with the failed pump, and tracking of hazardous materials offsite and spills. He recommended that GMOB be added to the list for notifications of spills over 100 litres. Paul also updated the Board on the current and upcoming MMP reviews.

**Action Item:** ED to ask the Project Team to add GMOB to the notification list for spills over 100 litres.

# 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Ken Hall turned the update over to the ED who provided the financial update and addressed questions from the Board.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

The ED presented his report to the Board, including the status of the arsenic dust sample shipment and his arrangements to meet the shipment at the SGS facility in Lakefield, Ontario.

#### 8. Contracts

i) SGS Proposal – Sample storage and Handling
The Board discussed the proposal and agreed to contract SGS for Task
1 (preparation for the storage of the sample container) and Task 2 (a
five-year storage agreement to be paid upfront each year). This
agreement is then to be approved by the Board every five years until the
storage was not longer needed.

**Motion:** Moved: M. Lange moved to approve the contract with SGS for Task 1 (storage preparation) and Task 2 (storage Year 1) of the samples for the GMOB Research program for a total of \$38,853.16 including applicable taxes.

Seconded: G. Clinton Motion carried.

ii) <u>Independent Advisory Group (IAG) Recommendation – Yakum Proposal</u> The Board discussed the positive recommendation by the IAG regarding the resubmission of the Yakum proposal. The Board agreed to fund the proposal provided that all of the IAG recommendations be addressed.

**Motion:** Moved: D. Livingstone moved to approve a contract with Queens University to a maximum of \$40k provided all provisions recommended by the IAG be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Board.

**Seconded:** M. Lange **Motion carried.** 

# iii) GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop

The Board reviewed two proposals and agreed to contract Gaea Consulting to facilitate and write the GMOB 2023 Annual Report. The Board also agreed to invite Fuse Consulting to the workshop.

**Motion:** Moved: D. Livingstone moved to approve a contract with Gaea Consulting to a maximum of \$29k and to invite a member of Fuse Consulting to attend the workshop as an orientation for the plain language edit.

Seconded: M. Lange Motion carried.

# 9. GMOB Research Program Meetings

The Board discussed the role of the Board during the upcoming meeting with the researchers, GMRP, Parties and the public.

### 10. New Business

No new business was noted.

# 11. Next Meeting

The next GMOB meeting will be held before the GMOB AGM and Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2024.

# 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

G Clinton,

Interim Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

Date

FEB 27, 2024

#### **Motions**

1. **Motion:** Moved: K. Hall moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

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September 22, 2023 Seconded: M. Palmer

Motion carried.

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Seconded: G. Clinton

Motion carried.

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Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

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Seconded: M. Lange

Motion carried.

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