

**GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB)
AND THE
GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT (GMRP) TEAM
MEETING MINUTES**

**Nov. 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m. (MT)
Champagne Boardroom, Upstairs 50-50 Mall
5006 50th Ave., Yellowknife NT
Call in details: 1-866-769-2211**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	Chair Kathy Racher, GMOB Ken Hall, GMOB Ginger Stones, GMOB Ken Froese, GMOB Tony Brown, GMOB Ben Nind, GMOB Executive Director Letitia Pokiak, GMOB Office Administrator Lisa Dyer, GMRP, GNWT Erika Nyssonen, GMRP, GNWT Aaron Braumberger, GMRP, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Catherine Ross, GMRP, INAC
Via teleconference:	Craig Wells, GMRP, INAC
Regrets/Absent:	David Livingstone, GMOB Natalie Plato, GMRP, INAC

1. WELCOME BY GMOB CHAIR, DR. KATHLEEN RACHER

The semi-annual meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair Kathy Racher welcomed the Directors and Project Team. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Motion: Moved: Tony Brown moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: Ken Hall.

Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD and the GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES: May 17, 2017

The previous minutes needed to be reviewed by the Project Team and will be approved at the next meeting with the Project Team.

Action item: May 17, 2017 Minutes to be approved at the next meeting of GMOB and the Project Team.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The action items of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Action item 1: done.

Action item 2 and 3 were not actioned. INAC to follow up on these action items for the next meeting.

Action item 2: *The Project Team will look at the requirements for arsenic testing of employees at site.*

Action item 3: *The Project Team will evaluate whether toenail samples should be added to the employee testing of arsenic.*

Action item 4: done.

Action item 5: done.

Action item 6: done.

Action item 7: done.

5. GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT TEAM

Discussion occurred regarding the purpose of the GMRP Annual Report. It was agreed that the Project Team is responsible for sending the report to the Parties.

GMOB will review the GMRP Annual Report and send its comments to the Project Team. GMOB requested an additional high level five year internal performance measurement document that would include the project schedule (with highlighted milestones), budget breakdown, a risk mitigation plan and an executive level summary. The Project Team agreed to provide this.

Action item: The Project Team to submit to GMOB a high level five year internal performance measurement document to include; the project schedule (with highlighted milestones); budget breakdown; risk mitigation plan; and an executive level summary.

The Project Team stated that the Closure Plan will be discussed with the Giant Mine Working Group on December 7, 2017.

Current GMRP funding ends at the end of 2017. The Project Team stated that the new funding mechanism is being worked on but the details are not available at this time. Once established, the Project Team will inform GMOB.

In May 2018, pre-engagement will begin in preparation for the water licence. A timeline for this will be sent out to stakeholders and the Parties in the near future. The Project Team's annual public meeting is scheduled for March 2018 and will include the Closure Plan. The Project Team will be asking for public feedback.

The Project Team will submit the water license application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) in January 2019. This is a hard date. A presentation of the closure objectives will be made to the GMWG next month.

Break from 2:49 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 3:04 p.m.

The draft HHERA Report was distributed for comment recently which are now being complied. The final HHERA report is scheduled to be released early in 2018.

The internal GNWT Offsite Contaminants Committee is working closely with the office of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO). The GNWT is revising its contaminated sites guidelines with the CPHOP and will be sharing these once completed.

In preparation for the 2017 Geoscience Forum, the GNWT prepared a contaminant information package. GMOB asked if they can have a copy of this information for their files. The GNWT reported that they will be hosting a local workshop to discuss communications regarding legacy contaminants. GMOB asked to be informed of this workshop as well.

Action item: The GNWT will share their contaminant information package developed for the Geoscience Forum and the schedule and content of the upcoming GNWT legacy contaminants communications workshop.

The Socio-Economic strategy for the project has been developed. The strategy is being applied in incremental stages. Since May 2017, the Project Team has consulted with indigenous groups, businesses, the local Chamber of Commerce, educational institutions and others to determine where gaps and skill sets exist and where funding support needs to be developed and applied. The Socio-Economic Report will be released early in 2018.

The Main Construction Manager (MCM) contract is to be announced before the end of the year. The role of the MCM will be to manage the operations of the remediation project. The Project Team and the MCM will develop a program to assist individuals and businesses prepare for the opportunities available at the site. The MCM be at the upcoming Projects Team's public forum.

6. PROJECT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

INAC updated their performance profile as part of the recent Treasury Board submission, focusing on three five year periods. This will be to measure progress for the annual, longer term and post project time frames. The annual plans will incorporate engagement and dedicate more time to performance measures. GMOB has requested to see the first of these five-year project plans.

Action item: The Project Team will send the approved five-year Project Plan to GMOB.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) MEASURES UPDATE

Discussion took place regarding Measure 5, Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA). The Project Team informed GMOB that an independent contractor will be doing this work. The draft of this will be completed when the water licence package is submitted. The QRA is seen as an iterative process that will be revisited as changes are made. The Project Team acknowledges that the QRA will influence the final design.

Discussion took place regarding Measure 2. The Project Team stated that they will address this Measure once they receive the water licence and the remediation is underway. The Project Team acknowledges that they have to provide a post closure plan as part of their water licence submission. The Project Team stated that the 20-year review will help this Measure.

8. GMOB ROLL OVER PROVISION

The Project Team made their Treasury Board submission in late fall asking that the GMOB funding mechanism be administered as grant instead of a contribution agreement. Once approved, this will allow a lump sum payment to be made in time for the new fiscal year.

9. UPDATED ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

An engagement calendar is provided monthly to GMOB and the Parties by the Project Team. GMOB stated their appreciation for this as it assists with the Boards work planning.

10. WATER LICENCE

GMOB informed the Project Team that it had met with the federal inspectors and MVLWB staff, and has received a legal opinion regarding the current lack of a valid water license at the site for ongoing treated water discharge. The Board stated that it would be looking at its options in this regard and would inform the Project Team of the outcome.

11. ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

GMOB spoke about its recent Annual Report writing workshop and laid out the schedule for its development and release. An outline of the report will be shared with all the Parties, prior to the public meeting. A meeting with the Parties was suggested and GMOB will arrange this.

The GMOB will inform the Parties on the scheduled date for the GMOB Public Meeting in May. The Project Team and associates will be invited to answer questions.

Action item: GMOB to set up a meeting of the Parties prior to the release of the GMOB Annual Report.

12. ADDITIONAL ISSUES

IPRP Reports

GMOB questioned the Project Team about reviewed IPRP documentation, which consistently recommended that the freeze of the chambers proceed as quickly as possible. The Project Team stated that their assessment was that the freeze program would go ahead as part of the licensed remediation and that the current Stope Stabilization Plan (SSP) was sufficient in preparing for the eventual freeze. In the case of a catastrophic event, the Project Team had a response program. They assured GMOB that they have assessed the risks and are addressing them in sequence of priority.

GMOB requested the backup documentation to see why and how executive decisions were made in this regard so as to bridge the gap between what the IPRP has been recommending and the action the Project Team has taken. The Project Team agreed to provide this information.

Action item: The Project Team will provide the backup documentation regarding the decision not to implement, as a priority, the freeze program as recommended by the IPRP Reports.

Offsite Contamination

The Project Team updated GMOB on the progress of addressing the offsite contamination issues. They confirmed that the new Regional Director General (RDG) has been updated on this issue.

MCM

The Project Team stated that the MCM contract will be awarded before the end of the year. The current relationship between GMOB and the Project Team will not change. The MCM will take part in discussions and meetings with the stakeholders and is to be seen to be an extension of the Project Team. The current points of contact (GMOB ED and the GMRP Deputy Director) will be maintained.

13. NEXT MEETING/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting date will be organized by GMOB administration.

Motion: Moved: Ginger Stones moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Ken Froese.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

These Minutes are tabled but not formally signed as they were not approved because of differences of opinion between GMOB and the GMRP regarding the Action Items as per the meeting Minutes for the Giant Mine Oversight Body Society (GMOB) and the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP), May 14 2018.

Dr. Kathy Racher
Chair
Giant Mine Oversight Board

Date

GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Action items; GMOB and the Project Team Meeting, November 16, 2017

Follow up of past Action items:

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New Action items:

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