

Appendix 3-A

Notice of Open House and Invitation to Comment

HARPER CREEK PROJECT

**Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate /
Environmental Impact Statement**

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Harper Creek Copper-Gold-Silver Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

Yellowhead Mining Inc. (Proponent) is proposing to develop an open-pit copper-gold-silver mine approximately 150 kilometres northeast of Kamloops and 20 kilometres southeast of Clearwater, near the town of Vavenby (proposed Project). The proposed Project would produce approximately 25 million tonnes of ore per year over an estimated 20-year mine life span. The proposed Project's components are expected to include an open pit, tailings storage facility, waste rock storage area, road and bridge upgrades, mine site facilities, a new power line, and a concentrate storage and shipping area.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve Application Information Requirements.

The Application Information Requirements will specify the studies to be conducted and the detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Application. The EAO has now received draft Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and invites comments on this draft.

In order to provide information to the public about the Application Information Requirements, the EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House** to be held:

at: North Thompson Resource Centre, Clearwater
on: June 1, 2011
from: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. there will be presentations by the EAO on the provincial process and by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on the federal process, followed by a presentation given by the Proponent in relation to the proposed Project, with an opportunity to ask questions.

If you are unable to attend the Open House, you may still wish to make a written submission. There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public. The comment period will begin on May 31, 2011 and end on June 30, 2011. All

comments received during this comment period will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, the EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

The EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
Gerry Hamblin
Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9V1
- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-356-6448

An electronic copy of the draft Application Information Requirements, the proposed Project Description, and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the draft Application Information Requirements and the Project Description are also available for viewing at these locations:

Kamloops Public Library, #100-465 Victoria Street
Clearwater Public Library, 422 Murtle Crescent
District of Clearwater Office, 132 Station Road

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application review stage, when you will also be able to provide comments to the EAO on the proposed Project.



NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.