

Environmental Assessment of the Blackwater Gold Project

Public Comment Period and Information Sessions

New Gold Inc. is proposing the construction and operation of an open pit gold and silver mine located approximately 100 kilometres south of Vanderhoof, British Columbia. As proposed, the project would produce 60,000 tonnes per day of gold and silver ore, over a mine life of 17 years.

The Blackwater Gold Project is subject to review under both the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and B.C.'s *Environmental Assessment Act* and is undergoing a coordinated environmental assessment.

Public Comment Period

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) and B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) are inviting the public to comment on the ongoing environmental assessment of the Blackwater Gold Project. The proponent has recently submitted its Environmental Impact Statement / Application (EIS / Application) which describes the project and its potential to cause environmental, heritage, health, social, and economic effects.

A copy of the complete EIS / Application and more information is available online at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca and at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. A summary of the document in English or French is also available on the Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Submit comments from **January 20, 2016 to February 19, 2016**:

By Online Form: www.eao.gov.bc.ca

By Email: Blackwater@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

By Fax: 250-387-2208

By mail: Blackwater Gold Project
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
410-701 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V7Y 1C6

OR
Blackwater Gold Project
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 9V1

The Agency accepts comments in either English or in French. Comments only need to be submitted **once** to either the Agency or the EAO to be considered for both the provincial and federal environmental assessments.

Copies of the summary and the complete EIS / Application are also available for viewing at these locations:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Vancouver, B.C.
Viewing by appointment only
Telephone: 604-666-2431

Vanderhoof Public Library
230 Stewart Street East
Vanderhoof, B.C.

Burns Lake Public Library
585 Government Street
Burns Lake, B.C.

Fort St. James Public Library
425 Manson Street
Fort St. James, B.C.

Fraser Lake Public Library
228 Endako Avenue
Fraser Lake, B.C.

Prince George Public Library
Bob Harkins Branch
888 Canada Games Way
Prince George, B.C.

Prince George Public Library
Nechako Branch
6547 Hart Highway
Prince George, B.C.

Cariboo Regional District Library
Quesnel Branch
101-410 Kinchant Street
Quesnel, B.C.

Information Sessions:

February 2, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Nechako Senior Friendship Centre
219 Victoria Street East
Vanderhoof, B.C.

February 3, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Mouse Mountain Elementary School
266 Taluk Avenue
Fraser Lake, B.C.

Information on the Blackwater Gold Project and the EIS / Application will be available at the information sessions, and interested individuals will be able to speak with provincial and federal representatives and New Gold Inc.'s technical team.

All submissions received by the Agency and the EAO during the comment period in relation to the Blackwater Gold Project are considered public. Comments will be posted to the EAO website and will become part of the Agency project file.

