

## **Appendix J7**

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**Document: summary Meeting with Hamlet & Chesterfield Inlet**

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<b>Public Consultations with Kivalliq Communities (following submission of the FEIS)</b>		
<b>June 18-19 Rankin Inlet</b>		
<b>Open House: June 18, 15:00 - 17:00</b> - about 39 persons attended		
AEM prepared 14 posters summarizing in non-technical language the major aspects of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. These were placed on the walls of the Community Centers visited for viewing and discussions with representatives of AEM.		
<p>The major discussions centred on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most questions focused on understanding the project (project description) with no comments on the EIS;</li> <li>- Many individuals were interested in the photos shown on the posters, which helped to explain the project;</li> <li>- 2 reporters showed up and spoke with Stephane; and</li> <li>- the Open House showed up on twitter and facebook soon after its conclusion.</li> </ul>		
<b>Presentation of the Final EIS 19:00 - 21:00</b> - about 25 persons attended with some coming and going during the evening		

<p>EIS presentation on the project description went well, but EIS components were still too technical for the audience. Proposed path forward is to remove the EIS slides and instead talk to the EIS posters. This approach will need a bit of opening to tie the project description presentation to the EIS posters. I used the following as a tie to the EIS slides in the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Details of the projects were just presented, but what do these details mean? What do they mean to the natural and human environment? What are the potential effects of the project on the environment, both positive and negative? The objective of environmental impact assessment is to evaluate how and to what extent the various details of the project may affect the environment. This will enable NIRB and the community to make an informed decision as to whether the project should proceed or not.</li> <li>- In order to assess the potential effects, we need to understand those elements of the environment that are most valued, and then consider how the project may affect them. To do so we ask the 5 questions on the posters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What is important to people? VECs and VSECs;</li> <li>o What are things like now? (baseline conditions);</li> <li>o How might the project change these things?</li> <li>o What are we doing about these changes? (mitigations strategies); and</li> <li>o What does this mean? To the people and the environment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>Questions/comments</b> from attendees following the presentation:</p>		
<p><b>Question 1.</b> Young lady (local) – Can we download the document, presentation as well?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o AEM response: Yes, the report is available on the NIRB website and we will make the presentation available</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Question 2.</b> Middle-age man (local) – mine will rely on the gold economy. Is there a wind down process if gold were to hit rock bottom?</p> <p>o AEM response: summary provided on recent past on gold process and more recent flat lining of price and expectations moving forward. Acknowledgment that price is beyond anyone’s control and if drop below \$1100 per ounce the project may not be able to go ahead</p>		
<p><b>Question 3.</b> Older lady (former teacher; not local) main concern is that you have explained intentions on what you are going to do but not a lot of detail on how it will be done. For example, you say you are going to burn plastics, how will the toxic byproducts of byproducts of burning be handled. Monitoring every 2 years is not enough.</p> <p>- AEM response: indicated that many more details are presented in the EIS document itself, and that we could not go into such details during the presentation. Examples of monitoring programs were listed. Details on the incinerator were provided, including capabilities to burn plastics without release of toxic gases. Monitoring of incinerator stack emissions will be completed in accordance with manufacturer and regulatory requirements</p>		
<p><b>Question 4.</b> Same questioner: What is in place for training?</p> <p>- AEM response: details on training were provided</p>		
<p><b>Question 5.</b> Same questioner: How are you dealing with racism on site?</p> <p>- AEM response: discussed importance of understanding differences in culture to enable people to work better together. AEM is revisiting cross-cultural training program to improve the program.</p>		
<p><b>Question 6.</b> Young lady (same as previous): what is frequency of monitoring?</p> <p>- AEM response: further details on monitoring are provided in the EIS. The frequency of monitoring varies depending on what is being monitored.</p>		

<p><b>Question 7.</b> Young lady (same as previous): You said that some aspects of the Project will provide positive effects to people but negative effects to wildlife, but we know that is something is negative to wildlife it will also be negative to people.</p> <p>- AEM response: provided clarification on intent of statement – improved access for hunting is considered a positive effect, but left uncontrolled this may lead to increased hunting pressure and a negative impact on wildlife populations.</p>		
<p><b>Question 8.</b> Elder (local; male translator): Had some issues with the words that were being used during the presentation. Example: “at the whim of NIRB” and negligible; anything done to the environment cannot be considered negligible. O - AEM response: Agree that “at the whim of NIRB” was a poor choice of words and was not the intent of the message trying to be conveyed at the time. Some of the words used for the EIS are scientific terms with specific meanings, but agree that these may lead to confusion or misunderstanding with the community.</p>		
<p><b>Open House June 19, 2014 Rankin Inlet</b></p>		
<p>We had some repeat customers for the coffee and cookies, but very few new people dropped in.</p>		
<p>The young lady from last night’s EIS presentation did stop by and spoke with Stephane regarding the EIS and had some questions mostly relating to the project description. She indicated that she is doing some personal research on the impacts of mining in the north.</p>		
<p><b>June 23 Arviat</b></p>		
<p><b>Open House 15:00 - 17:00</b> - no one attended the Open House. (It was a nice sunny day, a good day to be outside.)</p>		
<p><b>Presentation of the Final EIS 19:00 - 21:00</b> (about 15 persons attended, many only staying for a short while and then walking out)</p>		
<p>A PowerPoint presentation was made outlining what was considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and significant findings. Three questions resulted from the presentation.</p>		

<p><b>Question 1.</b> What is the difference between the gold found at Meadowbank versus Meliadine?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AEM response: Meadowbank is low grade and only mined using open pits</li> <li>- Meliadine is a higher grade with visible gold and the deposit can be mined both from open pits and also from underground</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Question 2.</b> The Meliadine Project is going to be mined both by open pit and underground. What if a person does not want to work in the underground, can he get a job just working in the open pit?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AEM response: a person can work just above ground. You would be trained for an above ground position and you would not have to work in the underground.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Question 3.</b> My son wants to work in mining the rest of life. The Meliadine Project will only go on for 13 years, will it continue beyond that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AEM Response: Right now AEM can only say that the mine will only be open for 13 years; however, it could continue beyond 13 years if more ore is found and if the price of gold remains high.</li> </ul>		
<b>June 25 Chesterfield Inlet</b>		
<b>Open House 19:00 - 21:00</b> - about 20 persons attended		
<p>Considerable interest in the Meliadine Project was shown by Chesterfield Inlet. There were a number of participants unfamiliar with the Project or aspects of it. The posters were helpful and people asked questions. Answers were given by AEM personnel and their consultants who participated in the consultation tour.</p>		
<p>Generally, Chesterfield Inlet is not opposed to the mine. However, there remain concerns with any impacts on wildlife while at the same time the community realises that jobs are required for the young people.</p>		
<p>Wildlife concerns dealt with the migration of caribou. The proximity of caribou to Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet was discussed. While in the past caribou migrated close to Chesterfield Inlet, this is no longer the case. The cause is felt to be the development of Rankin Inlet, which caused caribou to change their migration pattern. The Meliadine exploration site was not mentioned as a cause.</p>		
<p>An individual mentioned a new plant he never saw before next to a local road. It is a shrub that grows quite tall. AEM could not identify it from his description.</p>		

Shipping and belugas was raised and how the additional ships would impact on their migration. The preventative measures were discussed - low speed of the ships, stay away from Marble Island.		
Jobs opportunities were discussed in general with the two Human Resource personnel that participated in the consultation tour. Specific questions on select positions were not raised. The discussions covered both Meadowbank and Meliadine operations. Chesterfield Inlet residents are hopeful of getting opportunities to work at the Meliadine mine. One young woman did want to submit her application for work and the hiring process was explained to her. She had missed out on Work Readiness training.		
A continuation of Pre-trade training was discussed. This would be undertaken in cooperation with government.		
A request was made to AEM from Chesterfield Inlet for help with community infrastructure, in particular a road the community is developing to Rankin Inlet.		
<b>June 26 Baker Lake</b>		
<b>Open House 15:00 - 17:00 About 15 persons attended</b>		
<p>The posters proved popular. There was an interest in learning more about the upcoming Meliadine Project. Discussions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- underground and open pit mine at Meliadine versus only open pits at Meadowbank</li> <li>- when Meadowbank closes, one individual won't mind working elsewhere, it is not a major issue to work at the Meliadine Project</li> <li>- one individual was looking for business opportunities</li> <li>- spoke with elders who are strong supporters of Meadowbank, and now Meliadine</li> </ul>		
<b>Presentation of the Final EIS 19:00 - 21:00 - about 10 persons attended</b>		
There were no concerns expressed with the Meliadine Project following the presentation.		

<p><b>Question 1.</b> Community members will be affected by the closing of the Meadowbank Mine. What will be done for them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AEM responded that Meadowbank workers will have the first opportunities to take a job at the Meliadine Project</li> <li>- it is hoped that the closing of Meadowbank will happen at the same time that Meliadine is opening. That way the transfers will be easier</li> </ul>		
<p>One individual asked for follow-up on an application he made to Meadowbank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AEM responded that it was received by the HR department and he will be called should an opening occur at the mine that matches his qualifications.</li> </ul>		