

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Blackwater Gold Project

Open House and Invitation to Comment

New Gold Inc. is proposing to construct and operate the Blackwater Gold Project (proposed Project), an open pit gold and silver mine located approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, British Columbia. The proposed Project is being designed to produce 60,000 tonnes per day of gold and silver ore over a 17-year mine life. The proposed Project would also include the construction of a 140-kilometre, 230-kilovolt transmission line from the BC Hydro Glenannan substation to the mine site.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Act and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012) and is undergoing a coordinated environmental assessment. Provincial and federal ministers will each make their own decision on whether or not to approve the proposed Project.

New Gold is proposing a change to the transmission line alignment proposed in New Gold's Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (October 2015). In order to assess the potential effects of the new proposed alignment, New Gold has submitted the Blackwater Gold Project Transmission Line Addendum Report (March 2017).

In order to provide information to the public about the proposed change to the transmission line alignment, and to receive comments from the public about potential effects related to the proposed change, the Environmental Assessment Office invites the public to attend an Open House. An Open House is scheduled as follows:

VANDERHOOF

April 10

4:00 – 8:00 PM

**Nechako Seniors Friendship Centre
219 Victoria St East**

The Environmental Assessment Office is also holding a 30-day public comment period on the Blackwater Gold Project Transmission Line Addendum Report. The comment period will begin on Wednesday April 5, 2017, and end on Thursday May 4, 2017. The Environmental Assessment Office accepts public comments in the following ways:

- **By online form at:**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/pccp/index.html>
- **By Mail:**
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- **By Fax:** 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Transmission Line Addendum Report will be available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca starting on Monday March 27, 2017. Access to the Transmission Line Addendum Report will also be available for viewing at these locations:

- Burns Lake Public Library (585 Government Street)
- Cariboo Regional District Library – Quesnel Branch (101-410 Kinchant Street)
- Fort St. James Public Library (425 Manson Street)
- Fraser Lake Public Library (228 Endako Avenue)
- Prince George Public Library – Bob Harkins Branch (888 Canada Games Way), Nechako Branch (6547 Hart Hwy)
- Vanderhoof Public Library (230 Stewart Street East)

Note: All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Transmission Line Addendum Report will be considered public and posted on the Environmental Assessment Office's website.

