



September 25, 2008

Tyhee NWT Corp. – Yellowknife Gold Project Distribution List

**Re: Notice for Issues Scoping Session for the Environmental Assessment of Tyhee NWT Corp.'s Yellowknife Gold Project**

Further to the referral of Tyhee NWT Corp.'s Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP or the "Development") to environmental assessment, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB or the "Review Board") has scheduled an *Issues Scoping Session* for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in Yellowknife. The scoping session will assist the Review Board in the preparation of its *Terms of Reference* (ToR) for the environmental assessment (EA).

The scoping session will be held at the Yellowknife Inn *Copper Room* (basement level) on the evening of **October 16<sup>th</sup>** (community session), and during the day on **October 17<sup>th</sup>** (technical session). Note: in addition to the sessions, all parties have until **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008** to submit further input regarding the scope of the YGP EA.

Purpose of Scoping Session

The purpose of the scoping session is to offer interested parties an opportunity to identify, discuss and focus the key issues arising from the *Yellowknife Gold Project – Project Description Report* that should be further considered in the Review Board's ToR. The Review Board intends to review the results of the scoping session, as compiled by MVEIRB staff, and will determine which issues should be brought forward in the EA process. Afterwards, the Review Board will issue a draft ToR for the EA and interested parties will be offered another opportunity to comment before its finalization.

In preparation for the scoping session, the Review Board requests that interested parties carefully examine the *Project Description Report* (PDR) in order to compile issues, identify information gaps and offer constructive suggestions. The Review Board requests that the interested parties consider the following questions as they review the report:

1. What issues, in the opinion of the interested parties, are important to this environmental assessment?
2. Are there issues that may be of secondary importance, or which could be more suitably addressed at a regulatory permitting stage?



3. Does Tyhee NWT Corp.'s *Project Description* (PDR Section 2.0) provide sufficient information regarding the proposed mining activities and mining-support activities to conduct the environmental assessment? If no, then what additional information is required to carry out the EA?
4. Does Tyhee NWT Corp.'s *Description of the Environment* (PDR Section 3.0) provide sufficient information regarding the receiving environment to accurately assess the Development's potential impacts on the environment? If no, then what additional information is required to carry out the EA?
5. Does Tyhee NWT Corp.'s PDR adequately define the geographic and temporal scope in relation to the identified valued components?
6. Is there adequate consideration of impacts on the environment that may result from malfunctions or accidents?
7. Is there adequate consideration of cumulative impacts?
8. Are there any other significant areas in the PDR that the parties believe to be omitted or under-examined, which could play a significant role in the EA?

#### Proposed Scoping Session Format

The scoping session format is still tentative; however, the Review Board proposes the following agenda and topic areas:

After introductions, the scoping session will begin with representatives of Tyhee NWT Corp. giving a brief overview of the proposed Development. Following the presentation, discussion will address the following themes:

1. Air Quality/Noise
2. Water Quality
3. Fish and Fish Habitat
4. Wildlife
5. Vegetation
6. Socio-Economic Issues
7. Archeological/Cultural/Heritage Resources
8. Other issues (interested parties to identify)



During the discussion, all attendees will have an opportunity to state concerns, identify information gaps and ask questions. The Review Board promotes an open and constructive dialogue so that it can obtain the best possible information from the scoping sessions in order to develop its ToR. The Review Board also encourages suggestions from interested parties regarding its proposed procedure and will use them where possible.

### Scoping Session Logistics

Since the development has been previously scoped, the scoping session will require two days, and will be open to the general public. MVEIRB staff will facilitate the session, and no Review Board members will be present. While meeting notes will be taken by MVEIRB staff, participants are welcome and encouraged to submit written comments on specific areas of concern at the time of the scoping session, or shortly thereafter.

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The MVEIRB office can also provide electronic copies of the *Project Description Report* on request.

Sincerely,

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for the environmental assessment of

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**Yellowknife Gold Project**  
**EA0809-003**

Thursday, October 16, 2008  
Copper Room, Yellowknife Inn  
Yellowknife, NT

**Community Issues Scoping Session**

- 6:00 pm Prayer and opening remarks
- 6:15 pm Presentation by Tyhee NWT Corporation
- 6:45 pm General Discussion
- 7:30 pm *Break - snacks provided*
- 7:45 pm Continue with General Discussion
- 9:30 pm Review of the General Discussion
- 9:45 pm Closing remarks and prayer

**Note Cards:**

To better understand your concerns, we will be writing what you say onto a note card, which will then be placed on the wall for all of us to see. If you have a concern, you can also write it down on a note card and place it on the wall whenever you like. However, please keep these notes anonymous (do not put your name). We think that this is a good way to gather ideas, and will be taking these note cards back with us for our records.



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Friday, October 17, 2008  
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**Technical Issues Scoping Session**

- 9:00 am Prayer and opening remarks
- 9:15 am Presentation by Tyhee NWT Corporation
- 9:35 am Discussion
- 10:30 am Break - snacks provided*
- 10:45 am Continue with Discussion
- 12:00 pm lunch break*
- 1:15 pm Continue with Discussion
- 2:45 pm Break - snacks provided*
- 3:00 pm Continue with Discussion
- 4:20 pm Review of the Discussion
- 4:45 pm Closing remarks and prayer

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