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Public Comments Invited on the Draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document for the Proposed Former Gunnar Mine Site Rehabilitation Project

The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC), on behalf of the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, is proposing to rehabilitate the former Gunnar mine site, located on the north shore of Lake Athabasca in northern Saskatchewan.

The proposed project involves the: demolition of existing buildings, facilities and structures; appropriate disposal of materials resulting from demolition; installation of an appropriate cover on all or a portion of the exposed mill tailings; rehabilitation of existing waste rock piles; rehabilitation of additional risk(s), as warranted; general site clean-up and re-vegetation, as required; and appropriate monitoring during and after rehabilitation.

The project is subject to an environmental assessment under both the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and The Environmental Assessment Act (Saskatchewan). To achieve efficiency, a cooperative environmental assessment will be undertaken as per the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation.

The public is invited to comment on the draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document for the cooperative assessment, which incorporates the respective requirements of the federal and provincial processes. The document identifies key issues and studies required in the Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted by the SRC. Comments must be received no later than May 2, 2008 and will be shared with both parties in order that each may review all submissions.

Interested individuals may view a copy of the draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document at First Nations and Northern Hamlet offices in the Athabasca Region. The document is available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca, reference # 07-03-30100. The document, as well as SRC's proposal, is also available on the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's website at www.se.gov.sk.ca (click on Programs and Services/Environmental Assessment/Notices/Section 10/2007-068).

To obtain a copy of the draft document and/or to submit comments, contact:

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