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## Mining important to B.C.'s economy

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B.C. government recognizes the importance of mining to province's economy. <http://bit.ly/1A1kwyk>

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## We recently sent a letter to a group of Ajax supporters

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Wednesday, November 12, 2014

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Elections are vital to the open public discourse that we embrace at KGHM Ajax. That is why we encourage our neighbours to get involved and understand the issues and candidates in the current election, regardless of how they intend to vote.

While fully within our rights to do so, KGHM chose not to financially support any Kamloops city council candidate. KGHM publicly stated this position on numerous occasions and has maintained that commitment.

We recently sent a letter to a group of Ajax supporters that included a list of all the candidates currently running for Kamloops city council as well as their respective public positions on Ajax. We shared the list, created by a supporter, because we had been asked many times by our supporters for this kind of information. The list simply set out the name of every candidate for council and the public position taken by each candidate about Ajax. We were happy to provide this list as requested.

KGHM sought legal advice about whether it was required to register with Elections BC to send this letter to its supporters. We were told that because the letter and the list of candidates were not being broadcast to the public, but rather were a private communication with our supporters, it is not election advertising requiring registration with Elections BC. Despite this advice -- and because of its commitment to transparency -- KGHM registered with Elections BC anyway. Indeed, we were happy to do so. KGHM Ajax will fully comply with all of B.C.'s election laws.

We will continue to provide people objective information when asked -- by mail, email, social media and telephone -- as well as to encourage people to get out and vote, whatever their position on Ajax may be.

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## KGHM Ajax won't donate to any campaigns

Thursday, October 2, 2014

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Today, a candidate for Kamloops City council asked for more financial transparency in this election, wanting to know which candidates have or expect to receive money from corporate donors, especially KGHM Ajax.

KGHM Ajax want the community to know we will not offer any candidate direct or indirect financial support in this civic election campaign. We encourage all citizens to become involved in the democratic process, learn about the issues, demand informed responses from those seeking office and of course, get out to vote for the candidates of their choice on Nov. 15.

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## We're waiting for the science

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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Last week, opponents to Ajax released an opinion paper speculating about the proposed Ajax Project.

KGHM Ajax is committed to a fact-based discussion led by science and will wait for the results of ongoing studies to debate the topics in the report.

Concerning Ajax, research conducted by third-party experts and guided by regulatory processes is well advanced. The results of those objective studies will be available for public review in 2015.

Attached is a list of the assessments, reports, studies and monitoring and management plans that are being prepared by third party experts as part of KGHM's Ajax application for environmental assessment. This comprehensive list will provide people real data to properly discuss the Ajax project.

When the time comes we look forward to having a discussion about the data and science behind the proposed Ajax Project.

### LIST OF STUDIES AND ASSESSMENTS

The following provides a summary look at the content that will comprise KGHM Ajax's application for environmental assessment, which is expected in early 2015:

Greenhouse Gas Management Effects Assessment

Geology, Landforms and Soils Effects Assessment

Surface Water Quality Effects Assessment

Surface Water Quantity Effects Assessment

Groundwater Quality Effects Assessment

Groundwater Quantity Effects Assessment

Fish populations and Fish habitat Effects Assessment

Rare Plants Effects Assessment

Rare and Sensitive Ecological Communities Effects Assessment

Grasslands Effects Assessment

Terrestrial Invertebrates Effects Assessment

Amphibians Effects Assessment

Reptiles Effects Assessment

Migratory Birds Effects Assessment

Raptors Effects Assessment

Non-migratory Game Birds Effects Assessment

Mammals Effects Assessment

Summary of Potential Environmental Effects

Economic Growth Effects Assessment

Labour Force, Employment and Training Effects Assessment

Income Effects Assessment

Business Effects Assessment

Property Values Effects Assessment

Economic Diversification Effects Assessment

Summary of Assessment of Potential Economic Effects

Community Health and Well Being Effects Assessment

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Dark Sky Effects Assessment

Visual Impact/Aesthetic Features Effects Assessment

Land and Resource Use Effects Assessment

Outdoor Recreation Effects Assessment

Jacko Lake Effects Assessment

Summary of Assessment of Potential Social Effects

Heritage Objects Effects Assessment

Heritage Sites Effects Assessment

Summary of Assessment of Potential Heritage Effects

Air Quality Effects Assessment

Domestic Water Quality Effects Assessment

Country foods Effects Assessment

Noise

Vibration

Healthy Living and Health Education Effects Assessment

Summary of Assessment of Potential Health Effects

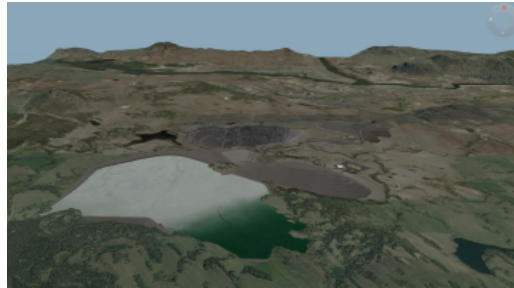
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## We've moved farther away from City of Kamloops neighbourhoods

Thursday, May 29, 2014

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View a short video showing a digitally created aerial perspective of the new Ajax Project site plan. Read our We've Listened booklet to learn more about the new plan

[www.vimeo.com/96821732](http://www.vimeo.com/96821732)

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## We've Moved!

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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The community offices of KGHM International Ajax Project have moved, from 330 Seymour St. to their new location at 124 Seymour St.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please drop by to view the three-dimensional model of our proposed mine, or to learn more about the project.

Our phone number remains the same -- 250-374-5446.

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## Resource boom towns top 2014 property assessment pile

Friday, January 3, 2014

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Interesting news story detailing a boom in property values in B.C.'s north related to resources industries.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Resource+boom+towns+2014+property+assessment+pile/9345777/story.l>

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## What does reclamation look like?

Thursday, January 2, 2014

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What is reclamation?

Reclamation is the process of returning land back to its former use or other uses, including recreational purposes. This website encourages you to spot the reclaimed mine lands, using an engaging interactive quiz. Take a few moments and see if you can tell which sites have been reclaimed over the years. Good luck!

<http://notyourgrandfathersmining.ca/find-the-mine>

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## Be safe this Christmas season!

Thursday, December 19, 2013

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The fun and festivities of the holiday season have begun. If you are attending a party or evening event and need a safe ride home give Operation Red Nose a call. The service is available every Friday and Saturday in December, as well as New Year's Eve, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. For a ride home, call 250-372-5110. Funds raised support PacificSport Interior BC. <http://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/get-home-safe-with-operation-red-nose/>

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## Mining folks do care about the environment ...

Monday, December 2, 2013

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Here's a great article from the president of the Mining Association of BC about why mining folks care about the environment:<http://blogs.theprovince.com/2013/11/18/karina-brino-mining-folks-also-care-about-b-c-s-environment/>

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## Thank you. We're listening.

Friday, September 20, 2013

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KGHM International wants to thank all who came to our recent Community Information Sessions at TRU's Grand Hall. The events, which took place Sept. 9 to 12, were held to give Kamloops residents the chance to learn more about important environmental studies related to the proposed Ajax Project, from the experts who are doing the research.

For those who missed the sessions, a summary/Q&A booklet has now been posted to our website, as well as the Powerpoint slides used by the experts during the presentations. Videos of the presentations, which were filmed during the first session, will be posted to our website shortly.

The many questions asked through the sessions show the level of interest in the Ajax Project. We hope the experts were able to help residents better understand the long and involved environmental assessment process. KGHM will continue to provide information about the Ajax Project as it becomes available.

If you have outstanding questions about the studies being done as part of the Ajax Project's environmental assessment, email us at [info@ajaxmine.ca](mailto:info@ajaxmine.ca), call us at 250-374-5446, or drop by our office at 330 Seymour St.

Also on our website today, an opinion from blasting expert Frank Chiappetta regarding a letter provided by Golder and Associates to the City of Kamloops about airblast and the effects on people and their homes in Kamloops. Frank is a world-renowned expert in the field of blasting. His resume is also attached.

Please visit the Community Information Sessions section in our Project Information Data Centre, or click the below link to access the above noted documents and presentations.

## Ajax Project - Community Information Sessions

Saturday, August 10, 2013

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We appreciate that there are many questions and concerns in the community surrounding the Ajax Project and that residents are looking for information regarding the potential effects the mine may have on their community. We appreciate the community's patience as we continue to perform the studies which will form the basis for our Environmental Assessment (EA) Application submission.

At this time, we would like to share information on the process, and the nature and depth of the analyses and studies required for an EA. To this end, we will be holding information sessions at TRU's Grand Hall from September 9th through 12th. The purpose of the sessions is to give members of the community the opportunity to learn about these studies and how they feed into our Air Quality, Water Quality, and Noise and Vibration Models, and our Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment. Specific findings of the individual studies will not be discussed as these are still ongoing. However, we will explain the processes, inputs, and methodologies involved.

The sessions are scheduled for 5pm to 9pm on September 9th and 11th, and from 1pm to 5pm on September 10th and 12th. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the topics being presented. Space is limited, although no one will be turned away unless capacity is reached; therefore, we request you register in advance. You can do so by calling 250-374-5446 or emailing [info@ajaxmine.ca](mailto:info@ajaxmine.ca).

The public informational can be downloaded below.

## Message to the Community - Ajax Project Update

Friday, August 2, 2013

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Dear Kamloops Community Members,

Today, we held a press conference to notify the community of Kamloops that KGHM International will not submit the Environmental Assessment Application for the Ajax Project in September of this year, as previously intended. This is a recent decision and staying true to our commitment to be transparent, we are informing you as soon as we can.

The decision comes after our recently concluded comprehensive evaluation of the Ajax Project. During this evaluation, we identified possible mineralized zones which could potentially increase the amount of copper and gold we are able to mine; we are therefore required and have begun to evaluate the economic viability of these zones through additional drilling and studies. Because we are focused on further research of these finds, we will not submit our Application until after the area has been fully assessed.

During the evaluation we also began considering potential opportunities to modify the project's layout in a way that may allow us to move some of our structures away from the closest residential neighbourhoods and public infrastructure. We have not yet made a final determination of what

changes, if any, we will make in this regard. However, we are announcing our preliminary intentions in order to keep the local community and all other stakeholders informed as work at site continues.

As many of you know, it takes several years for mining projects in British Columbia to go through test work, data collection, impact studies, review, and permitting stages and, although previous work was done on this project, KGHM International only became the operator in September 2012. I believe that the Ajax Project remains a viable development with significant benefits to Kamloops including, but not limited to, many hundreds of jobs.

We understand you have been waiting, and continue to wait, for information about the Ajax Project. We are planning community information sessions for September 9th through to 12th where we will provide you with information about the inputs to and design of our air quality model, water quality model, noise and vibration model, and our human health and ecological risk assessment. Although we will not be ready to share study results at these sessions, you will take away a deeper understanding of what we are studying, the kind of information we are seeking, and how all of our studies fit together to provide a comprehensive look at the potential environmental and human health effects of the Ajax Project. Please visit [www.ajaxmine.ca](http://www.ajaxmine.ca) for more information.

Lastly, I want to inform you of our new project website. We have designed this website to be more informative and simpler to navigate. New features include an interactive timeline with a historical look at the Ajax Project and local mining activities, a focus on mining education with a mining glossary, and an interactive map of all KGHM International operations and projects.

During our recent press conference, we committed to increasing dialogue with the community and keeping you informed of our progress on the Ajax Project. We will use our new website as one of many ways to inform you of new project developments, including work we are doing on site and where we are in the Environmental Assessment process.

Sincerely,

Yves Lacasse  
External Affairs Manager  
KGHM International, Ajax Project

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## NEWS - Ajax Project Update

Friday, August 2, 2013

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### KGHM INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES UPDATE ON AJAX PROJECT

KGHM International, operator of the Ajax Project, is pleased to announce that we have recently concluded a comprehensive evaluation of the project.

This evaluation took into account potential opportunities to make modifications to the project's layout that may permit increasing the distance between some of the project's structures and the closest residential neighbourhoods and public infrastructure.

Our evaluation also included geologic surveys on the project area that identified possible ore bodies which have the potential to increase the project's copper and gold resources. We have begun conducting additional drilling and studies to evaluate the economic viability of the mineralized zones.

The Ajax team is focused on maximizing all of these potential benefits. The work required to finalize our studies and plans, however, is not yet complete; as a result, we will not submit our Environmental Assessment Application in September as we had previously announced. We will share additional information as it becomes available.

The Ajax Project remains a viable development with significant benefits to Kamloops and surrounding areas. We are planning four community information sessions to be held September 9 through 12. The purpose of the sessions will be to discuss inputs to and design of our air quality model, water quality model, noise and vibration model, and our human health and ecological risk assessment. Attendees will be given additional information on what we are studying, the kind of information we are seeking, and how all of the studies fit together to provide an integrated look at the potential effects of the Ajax Project on human health and the environment. More details about the information sessions will be available on [www.ajaxmine.ca](http://www.ajaxmine.ca) shortly.

In addition, today we are unveiling a new Ajax Project website at [www.ajaxmine.ca](http://www.ajaxmine.ca). The website is designed to be more informative and easier to navigate. We will use this website to communicate new project information to the community, including work we are doing on site and where we are in the Environmental Assessment process. New features include an interactive timeline with a historical look at the Ajax Project and local mining activities, a focus on mining education with a mining glossary, and an interactive map of all KGHM International operations and projects.

We remain strongly committed to the community, environment and long term sustainability of the project. We are also committed to communicating in a proactive and timely manner. The community can expect to receive current and accurate information from us on a regular basis.

For inquiries, please contact Yves Lacasse, External Affairs Manager, or Robin Bartlett, Community Relations Specialist at 1-250-374-5446.

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## Ajax Copper-Gold Project Blog

Monday, June 3, 2013

2 comments

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Welcome to the Ajax Copper-Gold Project blog. We've started this blog as a way to share more information about the Ajax project with people who live in the Kamloops area and anyone else interested in the project.

We'll use this blog to provide in-depth information about the Ajax project, mining processes and our environmental, health and safety work. It's important for you to know that we are committed to designing the Ajax mine in a way that protects the local environment and safeguards the health of people. That is a fact.

We want you to hear the facts about the project from us, so please bookmark our page and come back often.

We welcome your comments on our blog posts and don't forget: anytime you have questions, you can visit us in the Kamloops office at 330 Seymour Street, call us at 250-374-5446 or email us at [info@ajaxmine.ca](mailto:info@ajaxmine.ca).

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## KGHM International Intends to Submit EA Application Before the End of September 2013

Monday, June 3, 2013

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We are planning to submit our EA Application for review by the Environmental Assessment Office in B.C. before the end of September. The answers the community has been waiting for will be available at that time.

In the meantime, we are still working through our project validation process and are in the midst of evaluating options in order to make technical and operational decisions to ensure the community is protected. Drilling and testing work at site is ongoing in support of this process.

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## KGHM International Provides Additional Information About Its Proposed Ajax Project Site Layout

Thursday, May 16, 2013

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Here's the text of an advertorial we published in the local papers today:

KGHM International released its new 3D Digital Model on Tuesday and it can be viewed on our website at [www.ajaxmine.ca](http://www.ajaxmine.ca). The model reflects KGHM International's proposed general arrangement (GA) for the Ajax Project.

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## Release of Our New 3D Digital Model

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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We're pleased to announce the release of our new 3D digital model. It can be viewed on our website here: [www.ajaxmine.ca](http://www.ajaxmine.ca)

Our external affairs manager, Yves Lacasse, promised Mayor and Council we'd deliver the 3D model to the community on May 14th, and we've met that commitment.

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## Building Friendships

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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One of the most rewarding things about working for a company that's involved in the community is seeing someone's reaction when they received help they weren't expecting.

A few weeks ago I learned that the Interior Community Service Centre was not only in need of a refrigerator, but that their Safe House was operating on a very limited budget. Right away I wanted to help and contacted Costco to see if we could partner in support of the Centre. Costco gave us a \$300 gift card, and I decided we'd give it to the Centre to help purchase necessary supplies for the Safe House. Now we needed the fridge.

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## KGHM International Undertakes Brief Imaging Exercise for its Ajax Project

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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KGHM International is continuing the work necessary for the submission of our Ajax Project Environmental Assessment Application, scheduled for September 2013. A component of this work is finalizing our proposed mine's infrastructure layout. In order to more accurately plan for certain elements of the mine, we need a detailed survey of the area.

In the next couple of weeks, surveyors will set up base stations for a Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) project. The stations will look very similar to typical survey equipment and may be in place for several days. When the weather is optimal, an airplane will fly over the site at an altitude of between 1000 and 1170 meters to take photographs and laser imaging at points marked by the stations. The survey will take one day to complete and will provide a high resolution topographic survey of the surface on the mine site.

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## Ajax Project Approval Process

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

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Here's the text of an advertorial we placed in today's paper:

There has been recent discussion in the community about who has a say in the approval of the Ajax Project, based on quotes from a former project representative. This representative may have misunderstood the process and we feel clarification is required.

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## KGHM International Open House

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

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On behalf of the entire KGHM International team, I would like to thank the community members who came to the Open House we held last week. We appreciate the time you took to meet the new operator of our Ajax Copper-Gold Project.

We were encouraged to see approximately 575 people visit over the course of two days. We had a mix of visitors, from supporters to those who do not agree with the project, meet us, ask questions and give us their opinions. We were very happy to hear the many thoughtful and informative discussions during the event.

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## To the Community of Kamloops

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

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Here is the content of a letter we published yesterday in the local newspapers.

As 2012 draws to a close, we would like to take the time to thank the Kamloops community for your

patience as we prepare our Environmental Assessment Application for submission.

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## A letter from KGHM International

Saturday, November 24, 2012

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We recently published the following letter in our local papers:

To the Community of Kamloops,

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## KGHM Ajax's Purchase of Sugarloaf Ranch

Thursday, August 16, 2012

4 comments

Recently, we announced to the two local papers that KGHM Ajax legally completed its purchase of the Sugarloaf Ranch and adjacent land from Teck Resources on July 31, 2012. This acquisition gives us approximately 9,000 acres of land and the right to graze cattle on an additional 5,000 acres of Crown land.

We recognize the importance of Sugarloaf Ranch and surrounding grasslands to Kamloops and will continue to operate the ranch in the same manner as it has been operated in previous years. As Teck did, we will rely on the expertise of ranch manager, Brian Ciancone, a second generation rancher who has worked for Sugarloaf Ranch for 32 years, to keep the ranch operational. At the end of the mine life, we will keep the ranch intact.

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## Chief Shane Gottfriedson Looks Forward to Proposed Ajax Mine

Friday, July 6, 2012

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In the linked news story published July 6, 2012 on the CFJC TV website, Tk'emlups Indian Band Chief Shane Gottfriedson talks about why his band is excited about the proposed Ajax Copper-Gold project.

The news story can be viewed [here](#).

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## Is the Proposed Ajax Mine Project Sitting on an Aquifer?

Thursday, June 14, 2012

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Recently, a discrepancy was raised in the community about whether there is an aquifer under our proposed Ajax Mine project site.

Often, the word “aquifer” is used to describe an underground spring system of water. Through all of our studies and testing we have not encountered an underground spring system of water under our proposed project.

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## Answers from our First Community Workshop

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

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The purpose of our recent community workshop was to provide project-specific information to community members who live closest to the proposed mine. We will be holding future workshops on various topics.

As we anticipated, there were many questions at the workshop about the impacts of the project. This blog answers a number of questions that were asked:

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## BC Hydro Rates for Industrial Customers

Saturday, April 28, 2012

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Sometimes, we hear concern from people about the rates KGHM Ajax will pay for electricity if our proposed Ajax Copper-Gold project is approved.

Our feasibility study estimates our hydro rate to be US 3.5 cents (CDN 3.8 cents at a long-term exchange rate of 0.92 )per kilowatt hour. The rate for hydro paid by everyone in the province, from industry to small business to the individual home-owner is governed by the BC Utilities Commission.

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## Our First Community Workshop

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

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We want to thank the 118 people who attended our first Community Workshop last week.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide project-specific information to community members

who live closest to the proposed mine, with a goal of expanding participation to others at a later date. We will be holding future workshops on various topics. Based on the first meeting, we will be changing the format to meet people's feedback.

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## What's in the dirt?

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

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We take human health very seriously and we have undertaken several studies, the results of which will help us, and you, understand what's in the dirt and rock we are mining.

Right now, what we do know is the proposed Ajax mine, and the entire southern border of Kamloops, is in an area where many minerals lie just underneath the surface. This is evident from the numerous past and present mines in the area. We also know that the act of mining ore deposits does not, in itself, create toxic elements.

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## KGHM Ajax Detailed Air Quality Studies

Thursday, March 1, 2012

2 comments

We understand that air quality and related health effects are a major concern to residents of Kamloops; particularly dustfall. We want people to understand that our first priority will always be the health and safety of our neighbours and employees. We are committed to finding mutually beneficial solutions to air quality issues and all other concerns.

Because the proposed open pit is so close to Kamloops, and Aberdeen in particular, we will carefully control the dust from our mining operations. We have been collecting data and studying existing dustfall in the project area for several years. Now, to better understand the potential effects of the mine emissions, we've engaged **Stantec Consulting Ltd.**

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## Do You Have Questions About the KGHM Ajax Project?

Friday, February 17, 2012

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Thank you to everyone who attended the CEAA/EAO sponsored open-house last week. We were so pleased that more than 1,000 of our neighbours came out to meet us and ask us their questions.

The open-house was an important part of the Environmental Assessment process, which we are working through with the federal and provincial government. At this stage of the assessment, we are seeking input on whether the proposed studies, methods and information requirements outlined in our draft AIR/EIS Guidelines document satisfy the community's interest and concerns.

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## January 25 Letter to the Editor

Thursday, January 26, 2012

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We were really pleased to see the following letter written to the Kamloops Daily News:

### Remain calm and wait for the facts on Ajax

Regarding the proposed Ajax mine, we are writing to suggest that people remain open minded before jumping to conclusions as to whether or not this proposed major mining project will be beneficial to our community.

We, the undersigned, are a group of concerned friends who meet regularly. We are all retired, from various careers, living off of our pensions or our savings. We are proud long-term residents of Kamloops and some of us live in the Aberdeen area of the city, not far from the proposed mine location.

Like many residents, we've been asking how this ore body will be developed, the effects it will have on the immediate and surrounding area and about the methods that will be used to minimize any negative effect this type of industrial development will have on the environment and on our lives. We understand that environmental studies by the partners in this project are ongoing; an information pamphlet is being prepared by Ajax to be distributed to all readers of this newspaper in the very near future.

The partners in Ajax (Abacus and KGHM) are continuing to examine the economics of the project.

No one in our group has been directly involved in mining and we can only imagine the difficulty in projecting the economics of a development this size. But we only have to look around the Kamloops region to understand the economic benefits of mining to our community.

Highland Valley (Teck), the old Afton mine, and New Gold coming into production this year are but three examples of mines which have been provided many well-paid jobs and huge economic benefits to Kamloops and area. These companies have also been excellent corporate citizens providing generous donations to TRU, the United Way, RIH, as well as paying municipal taxes.

In fact, Ajax is expected to be included within the boundaries of the City of Kamloops in due course, and has projected that they will pay about \$4 million per year in municipal taxes.

As far as investors are concerned, many of us in the Kamloops area already or soon will be collecting pensions from CPP, BCGEU, BCTF and other company/union programs. These large pension funds hold a wide variety of investments, which are intended to provide us with our income after we retire.

For example, the CPP owns shares in all of the major companies in Canada including banks, communications, food, real estate, pipelines, oil sands companies and mining companies.

All human, industrial and recreational activity has an effect on the environment, but regulations are in place to maintain a balance.

In conclusion, we would ask our friends, our neighbours, our business associates and all those interested in the proposed Ajax mining project to remain calm, and wait until we have all the facts before making a final decision on whether or not this mine would proceed into production. We will be attending public meetings in the future and hope that you do also.

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## Jobs at the Ajax Mine

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One of the most positive aspects of our Ajax Copper-Gold Project is the number of jobs it will create in Kamloops. Now that our feasibility study is complete, we have a better understanding of the number of direct and indirect of jobs our project will provide.

In the mining industry, as with other industries, we calculate employment two ways. Firstly, direct jobs. These are the number of jobs that KGHM Ajax will employ at the mine site. Secondly, indirect jobs. These are the jobs that will be created by suppliers and other companies who provide goods and services to the mine.

Recently, the Mining Association of BC engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to quantify the economic contributions of the provincial mining industry to BC's economy. The report indicates that for every one job directly created by a mining project, another 1.3 jobs will be created in complementary industries.

During the two-year construction phase, we will need 580 people to help build the mine. That means another approximately 750 jobs will be created in other companies.

Then, in the 23-year mine life, we will need 380 people to operate them mine. So, an additional 490 jobs will be available because of the mine.

These are promising numbers and we intend to hire as many people as possible from the local area. We're still working our way through the environmental assessment process and we aren't ready to begin hiring yet. In the meantime, our KGHM Ajax Jobs and Opportunities page provides a list of the types of jobs we will hire. In time, we will update this page with job descriptions.

Feel free to call us at 250-374-KGHM (5446), email us at [info@ajaxmine.ca](mailto:info@ajaxmine.ca) or visit us at 330 Seymour Street if you have questions about employment with the Ajax Copper-Gold Project.

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