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APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS



Appendix 3.4.1D Open House Report









Blackwater Project

Open House Report

June 13, 2013



Vanderhoof - May 6, 2013 Fraser Lake - May 7, 2013

Burns Lake - May 8, 2013

Quesnel - May 9, 2013

Fort St. James - May 13, 2013

Prince George - May 14, 2013



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1.0 - PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

From May 6 to 14, 2013, New Gold hosted six open houses in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James and Prince George to provide information and receive public comments on the proposed Blackwater Project. These open houses were carried out as part of the public and stakeholder consultation plan that New Gold has developed for the Blackwater Project to present project updates, document concerns and seek feedback on baseline results.

Information was shared with the public through panels, handouts, a video and interaction with project representatives. Written and verbal comments were received through feedback forms and dialogue recorded by project representatives.

These six open houses supplemented four open houses held by New Gold in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake and Fort St. James in October 2012.

This purpose of this report is to document the May 2013 open houses and record the comments and questions New Gold received during the events.



2.0 - OPEN HOUSE PROMOTION

To ensure broad awareness of the open houses, New Gold conducted a range of pre and post open house activities, including:

- Advertising in local newspapers, news websites, radio and online calendars
- Sending notices to the project's email distribution list, which included more than 1,000 contacts
- Distributing a newsletter, which advertised the event to more than 6,000 homes in the local communities, and posting the newsletter on the project's website
- Distributing media notices to local media

2.1: PRE OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITES

Advertisement

New Gold placed an advertisement (Appendix A) in local newspapers, newsletters and news websites. Posters of this advertisement were placed in high-traffic areas in Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake and Fort St. James and text was submitted to online community events calendars (See Table 1) and posted on New Gold's Blackwater Project website.

New Gold submitted a 30-second radio advertisement (Appendix B) to two local stations to run for one week prior to the start of the Vanderhoof event. The advertisement aired 56 times (four times per day).

New Gold placed a banner advertisement (Appendix C) on a local news website one week prior to and during the open houses. The advertisement received almost 150,000 views.

Email

Two weeks prior to the first open house, New Gold sent an email invitation (Appendix D) to Chambers of Commerce, local and provincial government representatives, Economic Development Officers, members of the Blackwater Project Community Liaison Committee, Mayors and council members. One week prior to the first open house, New Gold sent a second email invitation (Appendix E) to more than 1,000 project stakeholders.

Newsletter

New Gold mailed approximately 6,400 copies of the Blackwater Project's May 2013 Newsletter (Appendix F), which advertised the open houses, to households in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake and Fort St. James. New Gold posted the newsletter and details of the open houses on the project website (Appendix G).

Media Notice



New Gold sent a media notice (Appendix H), detailing the time, date and location of each open house, to newspapers, radio stations and news websites approximately one week prior to the start of each open house.

In addition to the publications above, the Blackwater Project staff personally notified a number of key stakeholders and organizations.

2.2: POST OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

New Gold placed a thank you advertisement (Appendix I) in local publications to run for one week at the close of the open houses. The text from this advertisement was sent to select organizations, including the Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce, where it was posted on the Chamber's electronic sign.

At the close of the Prince George open house on May 14, New Gold issued a second media notice (Appendix J) to notify media of the event highlights. This media notice included comments from Tim Bekhuys, Director of Environment & Sustainability, and led to several media articles (Appendix K).



2.3: ADVERTISING & MEDIA

The following tables outline the open house advertising schedule (Table 1) and all published advertisements and media (Table 2) for the open houses.

Table 1 provides detailed information about the advertisements and media notices submitted to print, online and broadcast media before and after the open houses. This includes an advertisement for print newspapers, a radio advertisement, a newsletter, text from the open house advertisement to online community events calendars and news websites, two email invitations, a poster, a thank you advertisement and two media notices.

Table 1: Open House Advertising & Promotion Schedule

Document / Task	Location	Organization / Service	Submitted
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	April 19
	Vanderhoof	Gander	April 19
Onen House	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	April 19
Open House Advertisement	Burns Lake	Lakes District Free Classifieds	April 23
Auvertisement	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	April 19
	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	April 19
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	May 2
	Vanderhoof, Fraser		
Radio Advertisement	Lake, Fort Fraser,	Valley Wolf and 94x	April 19
	Fort. St. James		
	Vanderhoof, Fraser		
Newsletter	Lake, Burns Lake,	Canada Post	April 16
	Fort St. James		
	Vanderhoof	Chamber of Commerce newsletter	April 15
Open House	Burns Lake	Chamber of Commerce newsletter	April 15
Advertisement	Burns Lake	Chamber of Commerce electronic sign	April 19
(Text)	Fraser Lake	Chamber of Commerce newsletter	April 19
(TEXT)	Prince George	Chamber of Commerce newsletter	April 26
	Prince George	Initiatives Prince George newsletter	April 26



Document / Task	Location	Organization / Service	Submitted	
		Online event calendars:		
		HQ Prince George, Omineca Online, bhubble (Vanderhoof section),		
	All	HQ Bulkley Valley, CKPG, CBC Daybreak North, RDBN Mining Portal, Infomine,	April 26	
		Mining Association of British Columbia, 1697 Alliance, Trumba.com, Northern		
		Interior Mining Group, Community Futures, Northern Development Trust		
	All	North Central Local Government Association	April 26	
	Fort. St. James	Chamber of Commerce events listing:	May 2	
	Fort. St. James	1. Caledonia Courier events calendar 2. Chamber website calendar	May 2	
	Burns Lake	Chamber of Commerce email blast to members	May 6	
Website Update	All	New Gold Blackwater Project website	April 26	
Website Banner Advertisement	All	250 News	April 19	
Email Invitation All		Blackwater Project Advanced Email Distribution List	April 16, 26	
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	Vanderhoof, Fraser			
Open House Poster	Lake, Burns Lake,	Key locations	April 26	
	Fort St. James			
	Burns Lake	Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce newsletter	May	
	Burns Lake	Lakes District Free Classifieds	May 2	
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	May 3	
Thank You	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	May 3	
Advertisement	Vanderhoof	Gander	May 3	
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	May 3	
	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	May 10	
	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	May 10	
Thank You Advertisement (Text)	Burns Lake	Chamber Sign	May 6	
Open House Media	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	April 26	
Notice	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	April 26	



Document / Task	Location	Organization / Service	Submitted
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	April 26
	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	April 26
	All	CBC and local radio: CBC Daybreak North, Vista Broadcast Group (The Valley Wolf, 94X, The Peak, The	April 26
	All	Rush, The Tribune, The Wolf), The Light	Αρι 11 20
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	May 7
	Prince George	Prince George Free Press	May 7
	Prince George	CKPG News	May 7
	All	250 News (Online)	May 7
	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	May 9
	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	May 9
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	May 9
	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	May 9
Post Open House Media Notice	All	CBC and local radio: CBC Daybreak North, Vista Broadcast Group (The Valley Wolf, 94X, The Peak, The Tribune The Rush, The Wolf), The Light	May 15
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	May 15
	Prince George	Prince George Free Press	May 15
	Prince George	CKPG News	May 15
	All	250 News (Online)	May 15

Table 2 highlights the advertisements and media coverage published prior to, during and after the open houses. The table includes circulation and distribution details, where available, as well as the publication date of the advertisement or media article.

Table 2: Published Advertising & Media

Document/Task	Location	Organization	Circulation/Distribution	Publication Date
Onen Heure	Prince George	Initiatives Prince George newsletter	Newsletter list	April
Open House Burns Lake	Burns Lake	Burns Lake Chamber Newsletter	Burns Lake Chamber members	April, May
Advertisement	Vanderhoof	Gander	1,500 weekly	April 22, 29



Document/Task	Location	Organization	Circulation/Distribution	Publication Date
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	1,700 weekly (Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser)	April 24, May 1
	Burns Lake	Lakes District Free Classifieds	780 weekly	April 25, May 2
	Vanderhoof	Omineca Online	NA	April 26
	Prince George	Prince George Chamber Newsletter	Prince George Chamber members	April 30
	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	1,850 weekly	May 1
	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	875 weekly	May 1, May 8
	All	MABC Daily News (Online)	NA	May 1-14
	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	7,350 (Friday)	May 3
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	11,000-12,000 daily (excl. Thursday)	May 11, 13
Radio Advertisement	Vanderhoof	Valley Wolf and 94x	Vanderhoof, Fort Fraser, Fort. St. James, Fraser Lake	April 30-May 6
Newsletter	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Fort St. James	Canada Post	6,400	April 30
Open House Advertisement (Text)	All	1697 Economic Alliance, Mining Association of British Columbia, Northern Interior Mining Group, Omineca Online	Online	April, May
Website Banner Advertisement	All	250 News	140,000+ online views	April 30-May14
Email Invitation	All	Advanced distribution list Distribution List	1,000+ contacts	April 16, 26
Burns Lake Chamber Sign Advertisement	Burns Lake	Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce	Burns Lake	April 24, May 8
	Burns Lake	Chamber newsletter (also emailed the ad to their members)	Burns Lake Chamber members	May
	Vanderhoof	Gander	1,500 weekly (Vanderhoof)	May 7
Thank You Advertisement	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	1,700 weekly (Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser)	May 8



Document/Task	Location	Organization	Organization Circulation/Distribution	
	Burns Lake	Lakes District Free Classifieds	780 weekly	May 9
	Quesnel	Cariboo Observer	7,350 (Friday)	May 10
	Fort St. James	Caledonia Courier	875 weekly	May 15
	Burns Lake	Lakes District News	1,850 weekly	May 15
	Prince George	Prince George Citizen	11,000-12,000 daily (excl. Thursday)	May 15
	Burns Lake	Lake District News	1,850 weekly (Burns Lake)	May 15
Published Articles	All	250 News	100,000+ Views	May 21
(Appendix K)	Vanderhoof	Omineca Express	1,700 weekly (Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser)	May 22



3.0 - OPEN HOUSE MATERIALS & FORMAT

At each open house location, New Gold staff and consultants set up the event space (see Appendix L – Floor Plan) to ensure attendees could easily access information on the project, speak with staff, enjoy refreshments and view open house materials.

A sign in desk was placed at the entrance to welcome attendees. At the sign in desk, attendees were asked to enter their details in the Sign In sheet (Appendix M), which included the option to join the Blackwater Project Email Distribution List, and were given copies of the Blackwater Project May 2013 Newsletter, New Gold pens and chocolates. The New Gold 2012 Sustainability Report (Appendix N) was also available.

At each open house, 23 display panels (Appendix O) were placed around the perimeter of the room. An animated video (Appendix P), which showcased the proposed mine process and included an interview with Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen and New Gold President, CEO & Director Bob Gallagher, was displayed in a select location. An electronic picture frame, which included a photo presentation (Appendix Q) of New Gold staff, the project site, the Prep Lab and the Vanderhoof community, was placed in a prominent location. A geology display (Appendix R), which included core samples from the project site along with explanations, was set up along with a display of core from the Prep Lab. New Gold and the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia provided banners (Appendix S).

At the Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake and Fort St. James open houses, New Gold displayed materials created during Citizens Forums, held earlier in the day in each location. These materials included a photo-collage (Appendix T) that showcased what Citizens Forum participants valued about their communities, and a visual summary of where they would like to see their community in the future, existing community resources and support required to achieve that future (Appendix U).

At the open houses, attendees were asked to post their comments on two different panels using post-it-notes. Panel 5 (Appendix O) asked attendees what they love about their community and how they would like to see their community in the future. Panel 20 asked attendees to indicate how they use the land in the vicinity of the project.

Attendees were asked to complete a Feedback Form (Appendix V), which they could drop off in a box in the middle of the room. Business Directory forms and employment business cards (Appendix W,X) were available for those interested in employment and contract opportunities.

New Gold staff and consultants were present to answer questions and receive comments from attendees at each open house. Attendees who requested more information were provided with email addresses, the project website URL, and phone numbers.

Dates and locations for the open houses are provided in Table 3.



Table 3: Open House Dates & Locations

Location	Date	Venue	Time
Vanderhoof	May 6, 2013	Friendship Centre, 219	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Variacificoi	Widy 0, 2013	Victoria St E.	3.00 pm 7.30 pm
Fraser Lake	May 7, 2013	Ch Foote Memorial Arena, 30	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Fraser Lake	Widy 7, 2013	Carrier Crescent	3.00 pm = 7.30 pm
Burns Lake	May 9, 2012	Burns Lake Legion, 158	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Duill's Lake	May 8, 2013	Francois Lake Drive	5.00 pm – 7.50 pm
Queenel	May 0, 2012	Shiraoi House, 690 Gray	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Quesnel May 9, 2013		Avenue	5.00 pm – 7.50 pm
Fort St. James	May 12, 2012	Music Makers Hall, 255 West	F:00 nm 7:20 nm
Fort St. James May 13, 2013		2nd Avenue	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Drings Coorgo	May 14, 2012	Ramada Hotel, 444 George	F:00 nm 7:20 nm
Prince George	May 14, 2013	Street	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

The following New Gold representatives participated in some or all of the open houses:

Table 4: Open House Staff & Consultants

Name	Title	Company	Location	
Robert Gallagher	President, CEO & Director	New Gold	Vanderhoof	
Tim Bekhuys	Director of Environment & Sustainability	New Gold	Vanderhoof, Prince George	
Vathia La Farra	Community Manager	Now Cold	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Kathie LaForge	Community Manager	New Gold	Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James, Prince George	
			Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Mitch Lepage	Engineering Manager	New Gold	Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St.	
			James, Prince George	
Shaun	Environmental & Feasibility	New Gold	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Constantinoff	Administrator	New dola	Burns Lake	
Bob Byers	Associate Consultant, Waste &	AMEC	Fort St. James, Prince	
BOD Byers	Environmental Planning	AUVILO	George	
John Togyi	Prep Lab Supervisor	New Gold	Vanderhoof, Fort St. James	
			Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Janice Baker	Administrative Assistant	New Gold	Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St.	
			James, Prince George	
Alvaro Paredes	Senior Project Manager	AMEC	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake	
		Context	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Debbie Cox	Vice President, Client Relations	Research	Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St.	
		Nesearch	James, Prince George	
	Context		Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake,	
Candace Jones	Senior Consultant	Research	Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St.	
			James, Prince George	



Name	Title	Company	Location
Chris Devauld	Consultant	Context Research	Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James, Prince George

4.0 - OPEN HOUSE STATISTICS

In total, 218 people filled out the Sign In sheet. While this total represents all recorded attendees, the attendee count was higher due to two factors: at each location some people did not sign in and in several cases only one person per family signed in.

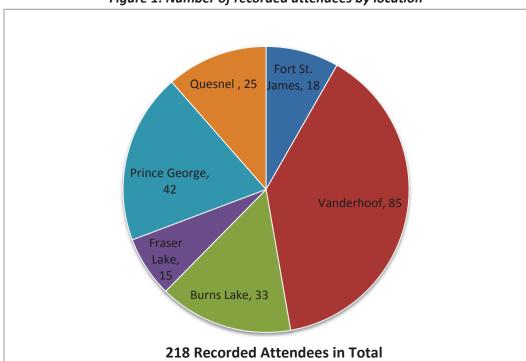


Figure 1: Number of recorded attendees by location

4.1: PARTICPANT FEEDBACK

During the open houses, attendees recorded their comments, concerns and questions on the feedback forms and had the opportunity to discuss the project with project staff and consultants.

Feedback Form questions include:

- 1. "What comments, concerns or questions do you have about the proposed Blackwater Project?"
- 2. "What benefits do you see from the project?"



- 3. "What comments do you have about the Baseline Studies?"
- 4. "How useful did you find the information provided at the open house?"
- **5.** "Do you have additional comments? If so, please provide here."

Feedback Tables

Tables 5 to 10 below include information from submitted feedback forms and in-person feedback recorded by New Gold staff and consultants. These tables record more than 120 questions and comments from the open houses.*

Questions and comments have been sorted by their Valued Components category. Valued Components refer to the environmental, public, economic, social, heritage and health components that will be subject to the assessment of effects of the proposed project.

Square brackets have been used, where necessary, to clarify questions and comments received.

* New Gold will attempt to respond directly to those who have submitted specific questions and provided contact information.



4.1.1: FEEDBACK - VANDERHOOF

At the Vanderhoof open house, New Gold recorded more than 50 comments and questions. This feedback included questions on community investment, the impact of the project on local communities and the environment and comments about the open house.

Table 5: Feedback – Vanderhoof

Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	Q: What are the long-term effects of the project on water quality? Will the water quality be affected in the long term? Also, what is the source of fresh water required by the project and how much?	In person	1
	Q: How will you recycle the water?	In person	1
	Q: Does New Gold have to undertake a new EA process if future deposits are located near the project site?	In person	1
Aquatic Environment	C: During dry years the water recedes between 10 to 15 feet [at Lake Tatelkuz]; water depth towards the northwest end of the lake is very shallow and you can walk for about 100 feet with the water no higher than your knee; recreational areas on the southeast side of the lake are used by people for camping and fishing.	In person	1
	C: [Post] the effects of the waste products – [and] treatment methods of the waste – on the website in detail indicating New Gold's awareness and commitment to the environment.	Feedback Form	1
	C: No whitewashing of potential problems and solutions.	Feedback Form	1
	C: [Concerned about] the long-term proposal for water and how it will be put back into the environment.	Feedback Form	1
		•	7
	Q: Is consulting a necessary part of the project?	In person	1
	Q: Is New Gold going to post reports to the website? This would be a good way to disseminate information.	In person	1
Public Consultation	C: The information presented in the panels is too general and it is difficult to provide feedback.	In person	1
	C: Best mine video I have ever seen.	In person	1
	C: Everything looks good.	In person	1



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	C: The open house is very well organized.	In person	1
	C: [The information at the open house is] better than the brochure, which was strictly	Feedback Form	1
	PR, yet lacked any real substance to potential shareholders.		
	C: Interesting [information presented].	Feedback Form	1
	C: The [Baseline Studies] look well done.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Very useful. Good information.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Needed to spend more time [at the open houses].	Feedback Form	1
	C: Good, nice to meet people involved with the project.	Feedback Form	1
			12
	Q: Interested in job opportunities. What type of jobs would be required and when?	In person	4
	Q: What happens if the NDP wins the election?	In person	1
	Q: How long will equipment orders take? Are there warranties?	In person	1
	Q: What will the election mean for the project?	In person	1
	C: Looking forward to continuing to provide services to the project once construction	In person	1
	starts.		
	C: New Gold should avoid repeating Mt. Milligan mistakes and continue engaging local	In person	1
Economic Health	contractors beyond the construction phase of the project.		
	C: Own an industrial lot on Hwy 16.	In person	1
	C: It will be impossible for New Gold to find all the workforce required in the local	In person	1
	communities.		
	C: Increased employment opportunities [are a benefit].	Feedback Form	1
	C: Economic benefits for Vanderhoof local business.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Hope you can get all permits and necessary requirements from the government.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Work employment for the Vanderhoof area.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Jobs for young people. Benefits for the surrounding communities.	Feedback Form	1
·			16
	Q: What will be done to avoid potential negative effects from transient workers?	In person	1
Social Health	Q: What is the size of the project?	Feedback Form	1
	C: Worried about the potential for increased traffic along the Kenney Dam Road. This	In person	2



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	road is used mainly by residents and for recreational purposes (to access recreational		
	sites).		
	C: Applying for jobs, not hearing back.	In person	1
	C: Response in the community has been mostly positive.	In person	1
	C: [Concerned about] hunting pressure.	In person	1
	C: [Concerned about] number of people living locally.	In person	1
	C: Display geology should be on the website.	In person	1
	C: The communities can only benefit. New Gold has all its ducks in a row.	In person	1
	C: Get high school kids involved early.	In person	1
	C: I see positive things coming from the New Gold Blackwater Project.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Good for the community.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Very good [event].	Feedback Form	1
	C: [Potential benefits from the project include] a) employment resource b) upgrading skill levels c) increasing environmental awareness by partnering with educational resources to make the labor force feel empowered as citizens of the world—mentoring youth to feel fulfilled and valuable even though employed as a labourer or	Feedback Form	1
	truck driver.		
	1	T	15
	Q: Has BC Hydro approved the powerline?	In person	1
Terrestrial Environment	C: Worried about the transmission line alignment and the proximity to range tenures and private property. New Gold should consult with people before finalizing the alignment. No panel presents clearly the transmission line alignment from beginning to end.	In person	1
	C: Would like to see the detailed results of the environmental baseline work conducted thus far.	In person	1
	C: Regarding environmental assessments, [include more] details of the biology and geology (e.g. breakdown of species) so I feel New Gold has more substance.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Looks like a great start for a transmission line.	Feedback Form	1



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
			55

4.1.2: FEEDBACK - FRASER LAKE

At the Fraser Lake open house, feedback covered economic benefits, the environment and the community. Comments included interest in the amount of freshwater that the project would use and hope that the community might see new small business opportunities. Approximately one third (33 percent) of all feedback related to employment, business opportunities and community benefits.

Table 6: Feedback – Fraser Lake

Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
Terrestrial Environment	C: Interested in the environmental baseline findings.	In person	1
refrestrial Environment	C: Good job [with the Baseline Studies].	Feedback Form	1
			2
	C: Tatelkuz Lake has been used for recreational purposes.	In person	2
Aquatic Environment	C: There are lots of good places for recreational fishing in the project area.	In person	1
Aquatic Environment	C: Interested in the amount of freshwater that the project would use; this should be	In person	1
	optimized (reduced) as much as possible.		
			4
	C: It's great for all our areas.	Feedback Form	1
	C: It will bring jobs to our area.	Feedback Form	1
Economic Health	C: Employment opportunities [are a benefit].	Feedback Form	1
	C: It's a very exciting opportunity for the nearby communities.	Feedback Form	1
	C: I'm hoping that we might see new small business opportunities as the town grows.	Feedback Form	1
			5
	C: [The open house is] very well done.	Feedback Form	1
Public Consultation	C: Useful information.	Feedback Form	1
Public Consultation	C: Very well put together.	Feedback Form	1
	C: All looks good.	Feedback Form	1
			4



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
			15

4.1.3: FEEDBACK – BURNS LAKE

At the Burns Lake open house, feedback highlighted economic benefits, the environment and contract opportunities. Questions identified concerns about water flow from Davidson Creek to Tatelkuz Lake, New Gold's approach to recruiting and contract opportunities, and joint ventures.

Table 7: Feedback – Burns Lake

Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
Aquatic Environment	Q: Davidson Creek goes through Site D – Where is that water flowing to? Tatelkuz	In person	1
Aquatic Environment	Lake? We have kokanee in that area.		
			1
	Q: Does New Gold want to participate in a joint venture?	In person	1
Economic Health	Q: What is the approach to recruiting and contract opportunities, referrals and local	In person	1
Economic Health	applicants?		
	C: Employment [is a benefit].	Feedback Form	1
			3
Social Health	C: Very interested in the Citizens Forum.	In person	1
			1
Public Consultation	C: Thank you, glad it was informal. My first mining thing I've gone to.	Feedback Form	1
			1
Terrestrial Environment	C: Please don't ruin the earth. Thank you. Or extinct the plants or animals.	Feedback Form	1
			1
			7



4.1.4: FEEDBACK - QUESNEL

At the Quesnel open house, more than half of all feedback (55 percent) covered two topics: having an access road from Quesnel to the project and bridges in the Blackwater area. Attendees also enquired on cyanide storage and destruction, as well as the possibility of mine closure in the event of a decline in the price of gold.

Table 8: Feedback – Quesnel

Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number	
Aquatic Environment	C: Want to know more about cyanide storage and destruction before release.	In person	1	
Aquatic Environment	C: [Concerned about] cyanide.	In person	1	
			2	
Economic Health	C: High grade ore processed first leaves potential for shut down when lower grade ore	In person	1	
Economic Health	is processed if gold prices drop. This would result in mine closure.			
			1	
	Q: Does New Gold have plans to bridge the Blackwater?	In person	2	
	Q: Why are you not making the project accessible from Quesnel?	In person	1	
	Q: There are already several bridges across the Blackwater, used by logging trucks	In person	1	
	regularly. Will New Gold be bussing employees and goods using this route?			
Social Health	C [Why no] access road to Quesnel?	In person	1	
	C: Involve [New Gold] Directors [in the open houses], not just staff. They can provide	In person	1	
	critical strategic guidance.			
	C: Used to work at New Gold. Know what a good company they are.	In person	1	
	C: Only need to put in a short access route to connect with the Forest Service Road	In person	1	
	(Batnuni) + others.			
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4.1.5: FEEDBACK – FORT ST. JAMES



At the Fort St. James open house, almost half (44 percent) of all feedback discussed the aquatic environment. The majority of this feedback focussed on the Tailings Storage Facility, including questions on water volume, quality, and release. Several statements highlighted the community frustration with the Mt. Milligan project.

Table 9: Feedback – Fort St. James

lued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	Q: What's the volume of water in the tailings?	In person	1
	Q: What is the plan for water quality of the Tailings Storage Facility?	In person	1
	Q: When can water be released to the environment?	In person	1
Aquatic Environment	Q: What will the quality of the Tailings Storage Facility water be over the life of the	In person	1
	mine?		
	Q: How do we control Tailings Storage Facility water quality?	In person	1
	Q: What do the tailings facilities mean for Davidson Creek? Does it stop the flow?	In person	1
	Q: Is there a final map image that includes the dams?	In person	1
			•
	Q: Can you send some information on the project to the Municipal Office?	In person	1
Economic Health	Q: Over how many years will the Tailings Storage Facility be built?	In person	1
	Q: Concerned about the length of the construction period.	In person	1
			;
	Q: Are there things that New Gold should be tracking that they are not? For instance,	In person	1
	indirect effects on women, children and health.		
Social Health	C: [There is] community frustration over expectations of the Mt. Milligan project.	In person	1
	C: The low open house numbers reflect the community disillusionment with Mt.	In person	1
	Milligan.		
Public Consultation	C: Good job on advertising.	In person	1
Public Consultation	Q: When will baseline studies be available?	In person	1
General	Q: How far along is the project?	In person	1



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
			16

4.1.6: FEEDBACK – PRINCE GEORGE

At the Prince George open house, attendees expressed interest in employment and contracting opportunities. Concerns included shift schedules and tailings management.

Table 10: Feedback - Prince George

Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	C: [Interested in] employment and contract opportunities.	In person	1
	C: Interested in an IT intern or finance position.	In person	1
	C: Cabins for rent near powerline route.	In person	1
Economic Health	C: Local employment - I do not want to see an isolated camp. Shifts that allow /	Feedback Form	1
Economic Hearth	encourage people to live in the local community.		
	C: Lots of jobs and training for positions to fill.	Feedback Form	1
	C: I would like to drive haul truck; I'm a class one driver.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Interested in potential jobs working in communication and government relations.	Feedback Form	1
			7
	C: Posters: good overview.	Feedback Form	1
	C: I have no concerns; I think it's well put together.	Feedback Form	1
Public Consultation	C: Very informative event.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Great information and video.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Very impressed with the video.	In person	1
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	C: I would like a larger scale map to [see] the project in context to Vanderhoof / P.G.	Feedback Form	1
Social Health	C: Investments in UNBC research students, First Nations, and scholarships [are	In person	1
	important].		
			2



Valued Component Category	Question (Q) / Comment (C)	Туре	Number
	Q: What chemicals will be used to isolate gold/silver (arsenic?). What chemicals will	Feedback Form	1
Towardwiel Envisonment	be left in tailings (piles and pond)?		
Terrestrial Environment	C: [The Baseline Studies] appear to be very complete studies as to wildlife habitat.	Feedback Form	1
	C: Possible badger sightings near the Blackwater River, on the Prince George side.	Feedback Form	1
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			17



4.2: FEEDBACK – BUSINESS DIRECTORY FORMS

At the open houses, attendees had the option of completing a Business Directory Form to indicate their interest in project-related procurement opportunities. Attendees took the form with plans to complete it and return it to the Project Office at a later date.

The information from these completed forms will be stored in the Business Directory database and accessed as the project progresses.



5.0 - APPENDICES



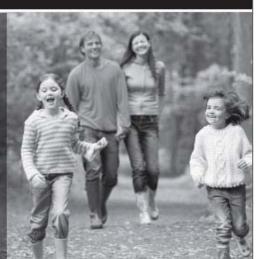
Appendix A: Open House Advertisement



Blackwater Project

What does it mean to you?

New Gold has proposed a mine project located about 160kms southwest of Prince George and 110 kms southwest of Vanderhoof. Expected to open in 2017, the project expects to hire 500 people during operations and up to 1500 people during construction.



What does the Blackwater Project mean to your family, your business, your community and your region?

Learn more and take part in the discussion, at an open house near you.

May 6: Vanderhoof

Friendship Centre, 219 Victoria Street East

May 7: Fraser Lake

CH Foote Memorial Arena, 30 Carrier Crescent

May 8: Burns Lake

Burns Lake Legion, 158 François Lake Drive

May 9: Quesnel

Shiraoi House, 690 Gray Avenue

May 13: Fort St. James

Music Makers Hall, 255 West 2nd Avenue

May 14: Prince George

Ramada Hotel, 444 George Street

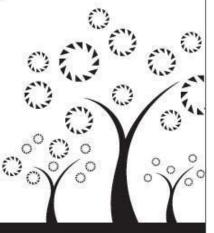
All open house times: 5 - 7:30pm

All open houses are drop in format with refreshments.

Further information:

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Appendix B: Radio Advertisement

CLIENT:

New Gold C/O Context Research

TITLE:

New Gold April 2013

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April 30-May 6

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STATION:

CIRX-FM-2 & CIVH-AM

SALES REP:



WRITER:

PRODUCTION NOTES: April 30-May 4: Monday May 6th/May 5: tomorrow/May 6: today

FV1: Learn more about New Gold's Blackwater Project at the Blackwater Project open house.

Enjoy free refreshments, talk to project staff, and let New Gold know what matters to you.

Come to the <u>Vanderhoof</u> Friendship Centre on Monday, May 9 from 5 to 7:30 pm. For more information, watch for the Blackwater Project newsletter in your mailbox or stop by the Project Office in <u>Vanderhoof</u>.

ANNCR: Remember that it's almost time for the 2013 Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce Biennial Trade Show, May 10th and 11th!

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Appendix C: Website Banner Advertisement



What does the project mean to you?

May 6 to 14, 5-7:30 pm Drop in format with refreshments





™ What does the project mean to you? May 6th 5-7:30pm Vanderhoof: Friendship Centre 219 E. Victoria Street





What does the project mean to you? May 7th 5-7:30pm Fraser Lake: CH Foote Memorial Arena





What does the project mean to you? May 8th 5-7:30pm Burns Lake: Burns Lake Legion 158 François Lake Drive





What does the project mean to you? May 9th 5-7:30pm Quesnel: Shiraoi House 690 Gray Avenue





™ What does the project mean to you? May 13th 5-7:30pm Fort St. James: Music Makers Hall 255 West 2nd Avenue





What does the project mean to you? May 14th 5-7:30pm Prince George: Ramada Hotel 444 George Street





Appendix D: Email Invite (Advanced Distribution)

The Blackwater Project will be hosting open houses from May 6 to 14. We hope you can drop by to speak to the project team.

Each open house will be held from 5:00pm to 7:30 pm. (drop in format with refreshments)

May 6 – Vanderhoof May 9 – Quesnel

Friendship Centre, 219 E. Victoria Shiraoi House, 690 Gray Avenue

Street

May 7 – Fraser Lake May 13 – Fort St. James

CH Foote Memorial Arena, 30 Carrier Music Makers Hall, 255 West 2nd Avenue

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May 8 – Burns Lake May 14 – Prince George

Burns Lake Legion, 158 Francois Lake Ramada Hotel, 444 George Street

Drive

We are sending you this notice in advance of our public advertising which will be coming out closer to the events. Look forward to receiving our newsletter with more information soon.

Feel free to share this announcement with any of your colleagues that you think may be interested.

Sincerely,

Kathie LaForge

Community Manager New Gold Inc.



Appendix E: Email Invite (Distribution List)

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of New Gold, I'm pleased to announce our upcoming Blackwater Project open houses and the May 2013 Newsletter.

Open Houses

At each open house, you'll have the opportunity to speak with project staff and let New Gold know what matters to you.

May 6	Vanderhoof	Friendship Centre, 219 E. Victoria Street	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 7	Fraser Lake	CH Foote Memorial Arena, 30 Carrier Crescent	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 8	Burns Lake	Burns Lake Legion, 158 Francois Lake Drive	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 9	Quesnel	Shiraoi House, 690 Gray Avenue	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 13	Fort St. James	Music Makers Hall, 255 West 2 nd Avenue	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 14	Prince George	Ramada Hotel, 444 George Street	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Drop in format with refreshments

Newsletter

In the May 2013 Newsletter, you'll find information on what we've been up to – from discussing the need for more hockey coaches with community representatives, to providing support for programs such as free skate at the Vanderhoof arena.

Click here to read more

Please drop by the Project Office if you have any questions or want to know more about the Blackwater Project. We look forward to seeing you at the open houses!

If you would like to be removed from our mailing list please email <u>office.blackwater@newgold.com</u> with your request.

Sincerely,

Kathie LaForge Community Manager, New Gold Inc.



Appendix F: Newsletter

MAY 2013

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Blackwater Project



New Gold is holding open houses May 6 – 14 to update you on the Blackwater Project and find out more about what matters to you.

"We strongly believe in responsible resource development," said New Gold President, CEO and Director Bob Gallagher. "This includes keeping people in the project well-informed and making sure we learn as much as we can about community concerns and priorities."

The project, which is in the advanced exploration phase, expects to hire 500 full-time workers to operate the mine and 1,000 to 1,500 (peak) workers during construction. About 66 percent of the mine's 2012 exploration workforce came from the local region.

When the project held its first open houses last October more than 180 people dropped by to speak directly to the project team.

The next set of open houses will be held in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James and Prince George.

> Blackwater awarded Developer of the Year

The Blackwater Project received the Developer of the Year Award at the 2013 BC Natural Resource Forum and Economic Summit in Prince George.

New Gold has also been awarded the 2013 Viola R. MacMillan Award for leadership and best practices, the 2011 Mining and Sustainability Award and the Corporate Advocate for Aboriginal Business Award for its New Afton mine near Kamloops.

Drop by to meet the project team and learn more about the Blackwater Project.

All open house times: 5–7:30pm (drop in format with coffee and refreshments)

May 6: Vanderhoof, Friendship Centre, 219 Victoria Street East

May 7: Fraser Lake, CH Foote Memorial Arena, 30 Carrier Crescent

May 8: Burns Lake, Burns Lake Legion, 158 Francois Lake Drive

May 9: Quesnel, Shiraoi House, 690 Gray Avenue

May 13: Fort St. James, Music Makers Hall, 255 West 2nd Avenue

May 14: Prince George, Ramada Hotel, 444 George Street



Thanks to New Gold and other local sponsors, six-year-old Autumn Bylsma and her friends have enjoyed free skating at the Vanderhoof arena again this winter.

- "The free skating program has been in place for over three years," said Arena-Parks Manager Shallon Touet.
- "It gives families an opportunity to spend quality





> Blackwater employees keep fit and active

There's plenty to do at the Blackwater Project site. When they're not working, employees catch up with friends, keep fit and enjoy an active lifestyle.



On the Job

"We are working to make sure there is meaningful engagement between our company and Aboriginal people before major decisions are made. That helps to build understanding and opportunities to work together toward shared success.'

Blackwater First Nations Coordinator



Mitch Lepage recently joined New Gold as the Engineering Manager for the Blackwater Project.

As the Engineering Manager, one of Mitch's tasks is to make sure local businesses benefit from the Blackwater Project

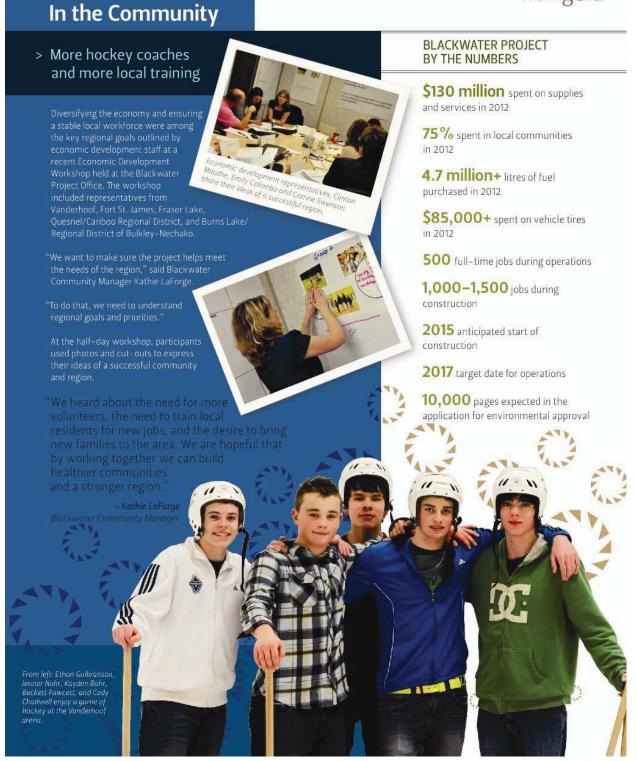
Last year the project spent \$130 million dollars and 75 percent of that went to the local region.

'As the project moves into construction and operations, we will need even more services and supplies. My job is to make sure local businesses are ready to meet the demand."

Blackwoter Engineering Manager



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> Environmental assessment process update

The Blackwater Project is working through a coordinated federal and provincial environmental assessment process that includes up to six public comment periods. Watch for the public comment period on the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR) expected later this year.

The draft AIR document, which is part of the provincial environmental assessment process, identifies the issues to be addressed and the information to be provided by New Gold as part of its application for environmental assessment.

> Scientists study fish in project area

Environmental scientists have just completed studies of overwintering fish habitat around the Blackwater Project site.

During the winter period, fish move to suitable wintering habitats in stream and lake environments and survive by minimizing their energy demands. Adequate space, water quality, cover from predators, and access to food are all important during the winter months.

Scientists have been studying the project area for more than two years, Studies will continue into 2013, to make sure there is a comprehensive understanding of current air, water and other environmental conditions. These studies are an important part of mine planning, and the federal and provincial environmental assessment process now underway for the Blackwater Project.

Working Towards 2017 2012 Project Description, Pr Economic Assessment

2013 Feasiblity Study, environmental studies, exploration

2014 Environmental Assessmen
Application review

2015-2016 Construction

2017 Opening and operation

2033 Closure and reclamation



Building stronger communities



At our sites, we are committed to environmental protection and social responsibility. New Gold is an intermediate mining company that owns four producing mines in Australia, Canada, the USA and Mexico and two development projects – the Blackwater Project in Canada and the El Morro joint-venture project in Chile.

The Blackwater Project is located about 160 kilometres southwest of Prince George and 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof.

Stay Informed

Sign up at **newgold.com/blackwater** to receive regular project updates.

For more information, visit the Blackwater Project office 139–1st Street East, Vanderhoof, BC

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Appendix G: Website Event Notice





Appendix H: Open House Media Notice



Media Notice April 26 2013

Blackwater Project Hosts Six Open Houses

From May 6 to 14, New Gold will host a series of open houses to share information and answer questions about the Blackwater Project.

The open houses will be held in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James, and Prince George.

"This is an opportunity for people to learn more about the project and for us to learn more about community interests," said New Gold Director of Environment and Sustainability, Tim Bekhuys. "Hearing people's perspectives helps us design and build a project that benefits the entire region."

Open House dates and locations

May 6	Vanderhoof	Friendship Centre, 219 E. Victoria Street	5:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.
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May 14	Prince George	Ramada Hotel, 444 George Street	5:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.

All open house times: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (drop in format with refreshments)

The Blackwater Project is committed to developing a project that makes a positive contribution to the local region. More than 180 people attended the Blackwater Project's open houses last October.

The Blackwater Gold Project

New Gold's Blackwater Gold Project is located along the northern flanks of Mt. Davidson in the Nechako Plateau, approximately 160 kilometres southwest of Prince George and 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof. The proposed mine is currently in the advanced exploration phase with construction forecast to begin in 2015 and production in 2017. The project is subject to a federal and provincial environmental review.

New Gold

New Gold is an intermediate mining company that owns four producing mines in Australia, Canada, the USA and Mexico and two development projects – the Blackwater Gold Project in Canada and the El Morro joint-venture project in Chile.

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Appendix I: Open House Thank You Advertisement

Thank you...

Thanks for coming to **New Gold's Blackwater Project Open House.**

We appreciate your interest in the project and look forward to seeing you at our next event.

For more information on the Blackwater Project, please drop by the Project Office, or visit

www.newgold.com/blackwater.

Blackwater Project Community Office

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Appendix J: Post Open House Media Notice



Media Notice May 14, 2013

Nearly 250 People Attend New Gold Open Houses

Nearly 250 people attended New Gold's Blackwater Project Open Houses, held May 6 to 14 in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James and Prince George.

"The open houses were a great opportunity to meet with people and learn more about their family, business and community interests," said New Gold Director of Environment & Sustainability Tim Bekhuys. "They also provided us with important feedback we can use to design the project in a way that leaves lasting benefits to the region."

At the open houses, participants expressed interest in jobs and contract opportunities, and asked questions about environmental management and local training initiatives.

Blackwater Project staff was on hand to answer questions and local businesses had the chance to add their names to a directory of potential suppliers New Gold is building to support local contracting.

New Gold is committed to working closely with local communities to ensure the project makes a positive contribution to the region. In 2012, New Gold spent more than \$100 million on goods and services in the local region. Following the environmental review process, New Gold expects to hire 1,000 to 1,500 (peak) workers during construction and 500 full time workers to operate the mine.

The Blackwater Gold Project

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Appendix K: Published Articles

New Gold Draws A Crowd

By 250 News

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 03:56 AM

Prince George, BC - Public consultation will form part of the upcoming federal and provincial environmental review of a proposed gold mine southwest of Prince George, but the developer held its own 'temperature taking' earlier this month.

New Gold Inc. says, in total, almost 250 people came out to a series of open houses in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James, and Prince George to discuss the proposed Blackwater Gold Project located approximately 110-kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof. A series of similar sessions last fall drew approximately 200 people.

New Gold Director of Environment & Sustainability, Tim Bekhuys, says participants expressed interest in jobs and contract opportunities, asked questions about environmental management, and local training opportunities. He says company officials received important feedback that will be used in the design of the project.

Local businesses had the chance to add their names to a directory of potential suppliers New Gold is compiling to support local contracting.

The proposed mine is currently in the advanced exploration phase, with construction forecast to begin in 2015. At its peak, New Gold expects to hire between 1,000 and 1,500 workers during construction and 500 full-time workers to operate the mine. Public consultation mandated by the joint environmental review is expected to begin mid-summer.



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New Gold Blackwater open house



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lakes District Secondary School students and others participated in a community building exercise hosted by the New Gold mining company on May 9, 2013 in Burns Lake at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 50.

Large 2012 regional spend on mineral exploration

WALTER STRONG

A New Gold open house in Burns Lake last week took a different approach to linking with the local community. The May 8, 2013 information session regarding the Blackwater Gold Project, approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, was preceded by an afternoon community workshop that brought out several Lakes District Secondary School students,

Burns Lake Mayor Luke Strimbold, and members of the local chamber of commerce.

Many open houses have come through Burns Lake since last September, each as part of proscribed community consultation for proposed resource projects.

Burns Lake Mayor Luke Strimbold described the importance of involving local youth in the development of these projects.

"It was important to have the youth participate so that they could learn about the project and provide their input to community sustainability," said Strimbold.

New Gold has been particularly active in developing its community relationships. Members of the Blackwater Project held an open house in Burns Lake just this past fall.

"This is an opportunity for people to learn more about the project and for us to learn more about community interests," said New Gold Director of Environment and Sustainability, Tim Bekhnys. "Hearing people's perspectives helps us design and build a project that benefits the entire region."

The project, which is still in the pre-application stage of its environmental approval application with the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office, has already resulted in a large cash influx within the region.

In 2012, New Gold spent \$100 million, regionally, during intensive exploration.

Although there is an expected decrease in expenditures for 2013 with exploration gearing down, things may ramp up again quickly by 2015 if environmental assessments are successful. The project is subject to both federal and provincial environmental review.

Pending the results of those reviews and assuming economic viability doesn't change, mine construction could start in 2015.

"Following the environmental review process New Gold expects to hire 1000 to 1500 workers during [mine] construction and 500 full time workers to operate the mine," said Kathic La-Forge from the Blackwater Project office in Vanderhoof, B.C.

New Gold reports that approximately 65 First Nations members were employed as environmental monitors, geological field assistants, camp attendants, camp cooks, kitchen helpers, labourers, lab technicians, and core cutters. First Nations contracts have amounted to over six million dollars.

The New Gold Blackwater project is expected to have an approximate 20 year working lifespan before closure and rectamation. New Gold is a B.C. based mining company with four mines operating in Canada, the U.S., Australia and Mexico.

The New Afton mine near Kamloops, B.C. is a New Gold project. The New Afton mine has often been credited as a large part of the low unemployment in the Kamloops area.



New Gold holds open house

Sam Redding Omineca Express

The open house for New Gold's Blackwater Project was held on May 6 in Vanderhoof at the Friendship Centre, which had the highest number of people attend. There were also open houses in Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James and Prince George which totaled about 250 in attendance.

"Our plan over the next year or so is to hire as many people as we can from the local region," said Tim Bekhuys, Director of Environment and Sustainability for New Gold. "And we'd be looking to hire people as we move towards construction in early 2015."

The Blackwater Gold Project is located 110

kilometers southwest of Vanderhoof on the north side of Mt. Davidson. It's currently in the advanced exploration phase but construction is set for 2015 with production for 2017.

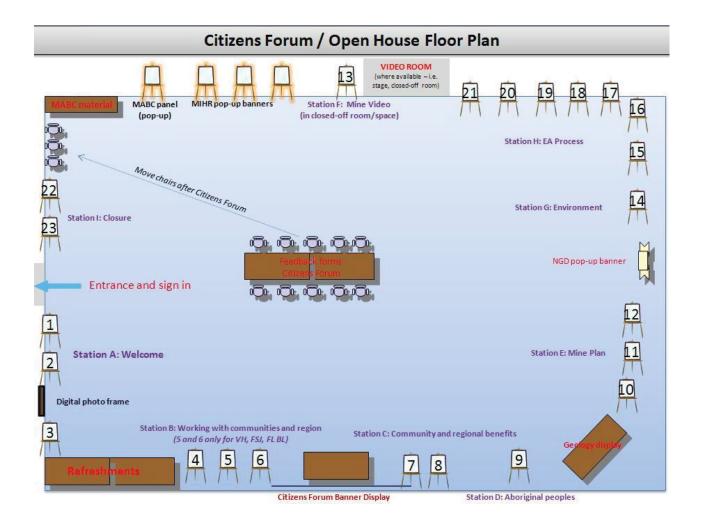
"The open houses were a great opportunity to meet with people and learn more about their family, business and community interests," said Bekhuys in a press release. "They also provided us with important feedback we can use to design the project in a way that leaves lasting benefits to the region."

Opportunities like an expected hire of 1,000 to 1,500 workers during the construction and 500 workers to operate the mine.

Bekhuys would also like to thank all the people who came to the open house, especially if they missed the hockey game!



Appendix L: Open House Floor Plan





Appendix M: Sign in Sheet



Open House: Vanderhoof

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Appendix N: 2012 Sustainability Report (Cover)



2012 Sustainability Report Summary



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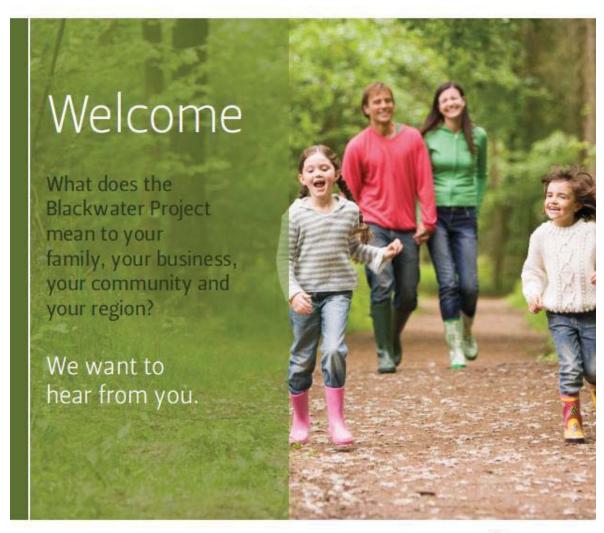
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http://2012sustainabilityreport.newgold.com/newgold-csr-2012-en.pdf



Appendix O: Open House Panels

newgold Blackwater Project





Growing Together





New Gold is a BC-based intermediate mining company that has the experience, financial resources, and capital market expertise to develop the Blackwater Project and operate the mine through to closure.

We know our growth and success depend on the long-term economic, social and environmental sustainability of each of the communities in which we live and work.



Blackwater – Development Project	New Afton – Operation	Mesquite – Operation	Cerro San Pedro – Operation	El Morro – Development Project	Peak Gold Mines - Operation
100 % New Gold	100% New Gold	100 % New Gold	100% New Gold	30 % New Gold 70 % Goldcorp Inc. (operator)	100 % New Gold
Southwest of Vanderhoof, BC	West of Kamloops, BC	Imperial County, California	Cerro San Pedro, Mexico	East of Vallenar, Northern Chile	Cobar, New South Wales, Australia
Potential open pit, gold, silver mine	Underground copper, gold and silver mine	Open pit gold mine	Open pit gold and silver mine	Open pit copper and gold project	Underground gold and copper mine
Advanced exploration phase	In production since 2012	In production since 2008	In production since 2007	Permitting stage	In production since 1992



Growing Together





Blackwater named Developer of the Year

New Gold's Blackwater Project was awarded Developer of the Year at the 2013 Natural Resource Forum in Prince George.

New Gold has also been awarded the 2013 Viola R. MacMillan Award for leadership and best practices, the 2011 Mining and Sustainability Award and the Corporate Advocate for Aboriginal Business Award for its New Afton mine near Kamloops.

flanks of Mt. Davidson in the Nechoko Plateau within Cariboo Regional District Area I. It is approximately kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof.









Growing Together



newgald Blackwater Project



We believe our project can be a catalyst to bring new skills and opportunities to the region.

We are working closely with local and regional governments, First Nations, organizations and citizens to design and build a project that leaves lasting benefits.



As a necest workshop with economic development staff, we heard about the need for more velocitiess, the need to train local medidents for new jobs and the desire to bring new lamifes into the area.

ozal citizens shared their comments and issumed about the project at recentopen houses held in briderhood, Fort St. James, Surne Like and Fibrer Lake. Open houses will continue throughout the project.



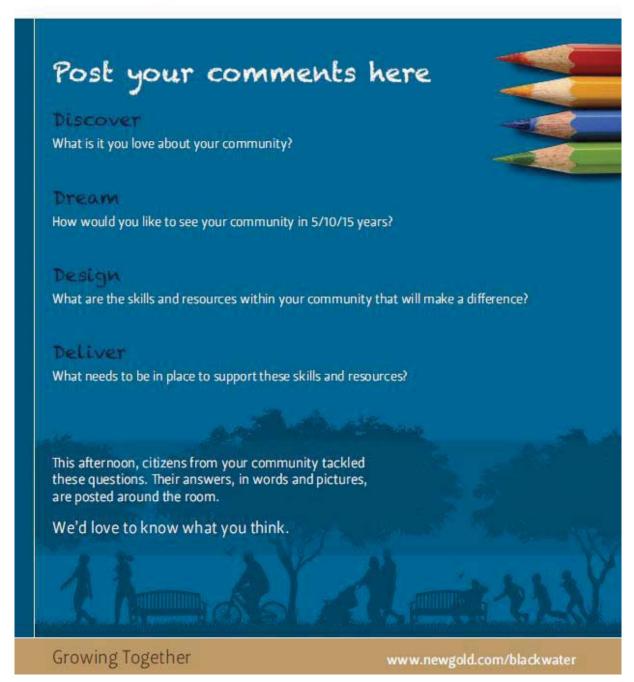




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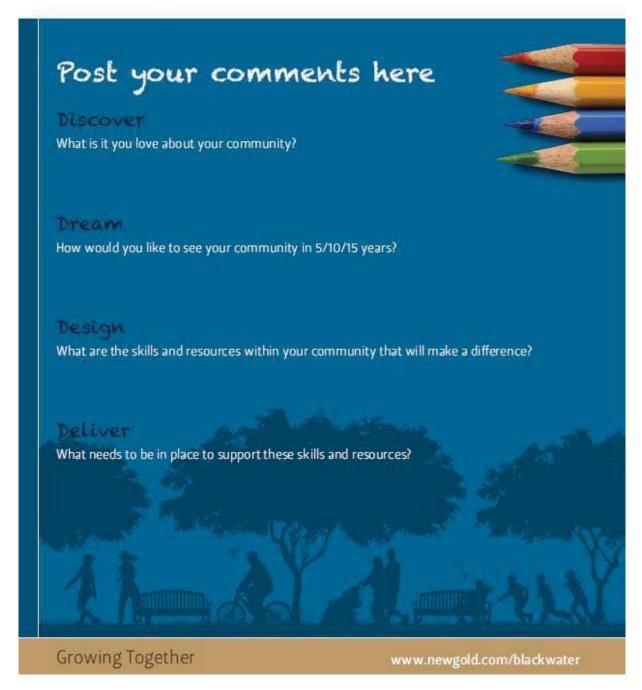
















Purchasing local goods and services

New Gold is committed to making a positive contribution to the community and the region.

In 2012, New Gold spent nearly \$100 million on

This includes:

Industrial supplies

Light vehicle purchases and servicing

Expediting

Tire purchase and repair Steel supply and fabrication Heavy equipment rentals Office furniture and supplies Civic construction

Carpentry Services Electrical Services **Plumbing Services**

To support local contracting, New Gold is building a directory of local businesses and suppliers. Please contact the Project Office to discuss including your business in the directory.

Phone: 250.567.3276

Email: Office.blackwater@newgold.com



4.7 million litres+ of fuel purchased locally in 2012



\$85,000+ spent on vehicle tires in 2012



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Creating jobs close to home

New Gold expects to hire 1,000 to 1,500 (peak) workers during construction and 500 full time workers to operate the mine.

At the peak of its exploration activity, the Blackwater Project hired more than 400 people, including contractors. In 2012, about 28 percent of employees were Aboriginal peoples and about 66 percent came from the local region.

To support local hiring, the Blackwater Project has:

- · Partnered with BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association, Northwest College and College of New Caledonia
- · Hosted youth participating in the award-winning BladeRunners program

Through training partnerships, recruitment and procurement, New Gold is working to ensure as many jobs as possible are filled by local people.











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Building strong partnerships with Aboriginal Peoples

In 2012, the Blackwater Project employed about 65 Aboriginal peoples.



These jobs included:

Camp Attendants
Core Cutters
Environmental Monitors
First Nations Coordinator
General Labourers

Geological field assistants Kitchen Helpers Maintenance Persons Night Cook Bakers Lab Technicians

New Gold is working closely with Aboriginal communities to ensure ongoing and meaningful engagement in the project, including identifying employment, contract, training and education opportunities.

New Gold recognizes that the Blackwater Project – including the mine site, transmission line and access road – is located in the asserted traditional territories of a number of First Nations.



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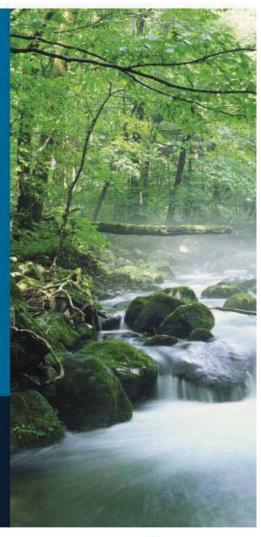
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Designed to protect the health of the natural environment

All mine facilities will be designed to protect regional groundwater and surface water during operations and after closure. Buildings would be clustered together to minimize the project's footprint on land.

The proposed open pit gold and sliver mine would represent an annual average production of 507,000 ounces of gold and 2,039,000 ounces of silver. The mine is expected to operate for 17 years.







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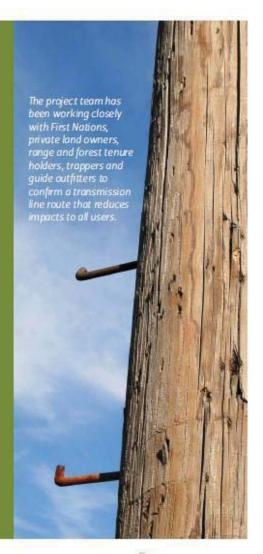
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Road access

The proposed access route uses the existing Kluskus Forest Service Road and Ootsa Forest Service Road. To avoid Caribou winter range and reduce travel time, a 15 kilometre section of new road would be built.

Power

Reliable power would be provided by a 133 kilometre transmission line that connects to an existing substation south of Endako. To minimize environmental impacts, the transmission line would follow existing roads and trails whenever possible and steps will be taken to maintain vegetation along the route.





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Life on the project site

There's plenty to do at the project site. When they're not working, employees lift weights, play pool, enjoy a meal together and relax in comfortable private rooms.







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Video Screening Area



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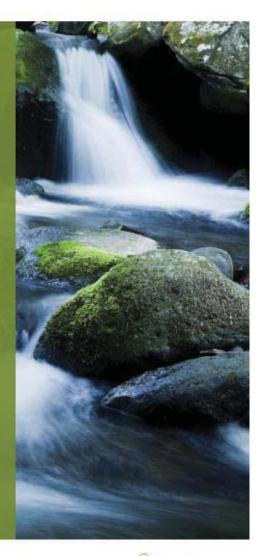
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Meeting environmental standards

The Blackwater Project will be designed to protect valuable water resources, avoid sensitive wildlife areas and safeguard the natural environment

The project will:

- Recycle water so that it is not released back into the environment
- Minimize water use and water transport by using wells and recycled water
- Meet BC water quality guidelines for the protection of fish and fresh water resources
- Avoid Northern Caribou critical winter habitat
- Preserve and protect the Whitebark Pine.





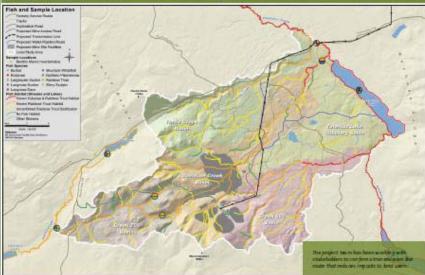
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Fish, Fish Habitat and Aquatics baseline study results



A baseline study provides information about the existing, pre-project environment. It is used to identify opportunities to avoid or mitigate notential effects.



Objective

Fish, fish habitat and aquatics studies have been conducted since 2011 to describe the existing aquatic resources in the Davidson Creek Watershed and other project areas.

The results are considered in the project design, effects assessments and the development of a fish habitat mitigation and compensation plan.

Findings

- Kokanee spawn in Davidson Creek, Creek 661 and other streams in the surrounding area; young kokanee move into Tatelkuz Lake to feed, grow and mature; kokanee habitat is not directly impacted by the project footprint
- Rainbow trout spawn in Davidson Creek, Creek 661 and Creek 705
- A small number of mountain whitefish have been found in Davidson Creek and Creek 705
- Other species found (in much lower numbers) in the area include take chub, longnose sucker, brassy minnow, burbot, and white sucker



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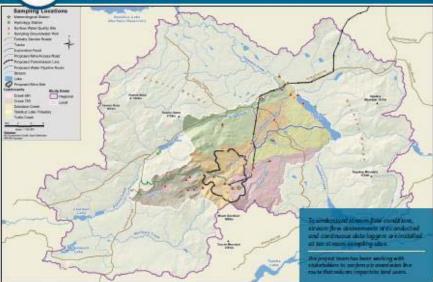
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Water Quality baseline study results



A baseline study provides information about the existing, pre-project environment. It is used to identify opportunities to avoid or mitigate potential effects.



Objective

Water quality studies have been conducted since 2011 to describe surface and groundwater quality, sediment quality, stream flow and lake level. Baseline or natural water quality will be used as a control to determine if changes occur during mining.

Surface water quality

25 surface water quality sites are monitored. sites are sampled monthly. Two sets of weekly freshet (spring breakup) samples were collected in 2011 and 2012

- · Water is low in nutrients and contains trace metals (typical of BC interior stream water)
- At some sampling sites, naturally occurring metal concentrations exceed water quality objectives for arsenic, cadmium, copper, iron, mercury and zinc

Groundwater quality

13 sets of wells have been installed since 2012; groundwater is sampled at these sites four times each year.

- Most of the analytical results show typical groundwater quality
- Samples meet applicable groundwater guidelines except for measured concentration of aluminum, lead, arsenic, iron and manganese

Sediment quality

Sediment quality samples were collected during summer low flows at water quality sites in 2011 and 2012.

- Healthy aquatic populations exist in all area streams indicating healthy a quatic
- · Arsenic, iron and manganese levels were exceeded at some stream sediment sampling sites - these results are typical for streams in

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Wildlife baseline study results



A baseline study provides information about the existing, pre-project environment. It is used to identify opportunities to avoid or mitigate potential effects.



Objective

Wildlife studies are being conducted to describe and identify current wildlife species and their habitat including amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. Studies commenced in 2011 and will continue throughout 2013.

Findings

- 97 breeding bird species were detected including the rusty blackbird, barn swallow and olive-sided flycatcher
- 12 raptor species were found including the great horned owl and red-tailed hawks
- 16 water bird species were detected; the four most common are the Wilson's snipe, greater yellowlegs, bufflehead and common loon
- moose, snowshoe hare and lynx were most frequently detected during winter tracking surveys
- 5 grizzly bears were detected and bear activity was observed in kokanee spawning areas
- An endangered bat species was detected at four locations
- 39 species of butterflies and 28 species of dragonfly/damselfly were detected
- The wood frog, Columbia spotted frog, long-toed salamander and common garter snake were detected; the western toad was detected breeding



No critical or at risk habitat values were identified for furbearers. Some tracks were recorded for wolverine and fisher in the project area,

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Social and Economic baseline study results



A baseline study provides information about the existing, pre-project environment. It is used to identify opportunities to avoid or mitigate potential effects.



Objective

Social and Economic baseline studies describe the current social and economic conditions within the communities that are most likely to be affected by the proposed project. These studies help to identify and mitigate potential negative social and economic effects while maximizing benefits.

The studies began in 2011 and include interviews with community representatives and statistical information. Areas investigated include: employment, housing, utilities, education, major employers, health, protective services (police, fire and ambulance), social services and local and regional government. The studies also examine Non-Traditional Land Use, including industrial activity, transportation, visual aesthetics, tourism and recreation.

Since 2006 the population of the Bulkley-Nechako and Cariboo Regional Districts has gradually increased and is forecast to continue to grow at a slow but steady rate.

Findings

Forestry accounts for:

- 28 percent of income in Prince George region
- 37 percent of income in the Burns Lake region
- 42 percent of income in the Vanderhoof region (including Fort St. James and Fraser Lake)

Public sector accounts for:

- 28 percent of income in Prince George region
- 26 percent of income in the Burns Lake region
- 20 percent of income in the Vanderhoof region (including Fort St. James and Fraser Lake)

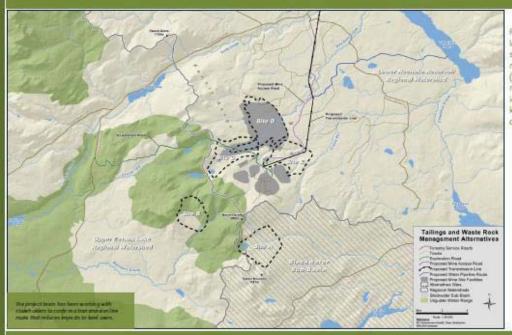
On average, unemployment in the local communities is about nine percent, which is higher than the provincial average of six percent.

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Alternatives considered for mine waste management



Five potential locations for storage of 3 billion m3 of mine waste (tailings and waste rock) were identified within ten kilometres of the open pit location.

The alternatives assessment considered environmental, technical, socio-economic, and project economic factors and concluded that Sites C and D were the best sites due to:

- Location outside of the Blackwater River drainage and the Ungulate Winter Range (critical winter habitat for hooved animals, including Caribou)
- · Relatively high storage to footprint area ratio and low embankment volumes
- · Close proximity to the mineral deposit area
- Location within the upper portion of the Davidson Creek catchment, simplifying operational water management

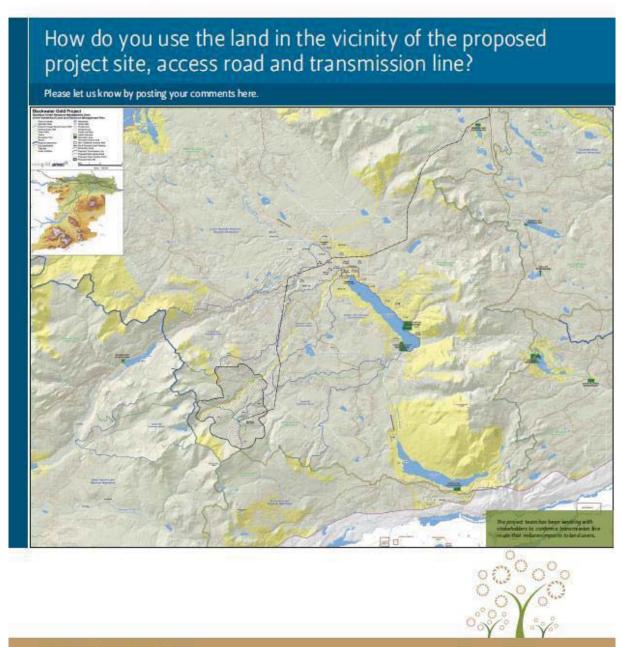
PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD

The map also illustrates the proposed access road. This route was selected because it avoids crossing the Ungulate Winter Range (critical winter habitat for hooved animals)

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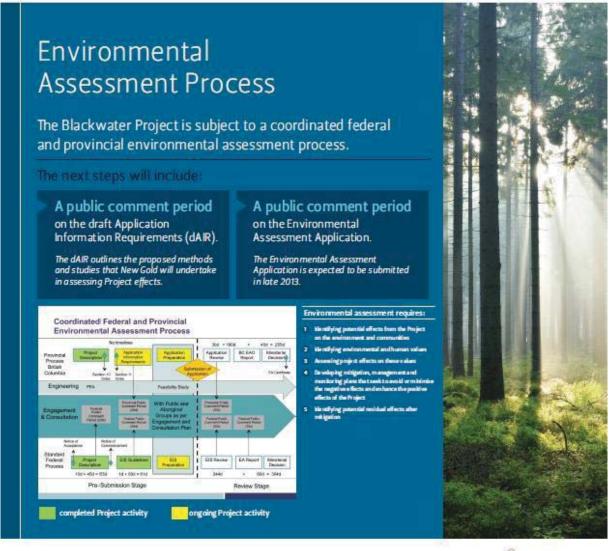




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Mine closure and reclamation

To ensure land is safely returned to productive use, mine closure and reclamation are regulated under the BC Environmental Assessment Act and the BC Mines Act.

Mining companies are required to post a reclamation bond with BC Ministry of Energy and Mines to provide security that a mine site is properly reclaimed.

After the mine closes, the land could be used for recreation or wildlife habitat.









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Appendix P: Video Animation (Screenshot)





Appendix Q: Photo Presentation (Screenshot)





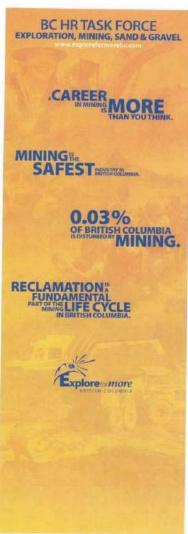
Appendix R: Geology Display





Appendix S: Banners



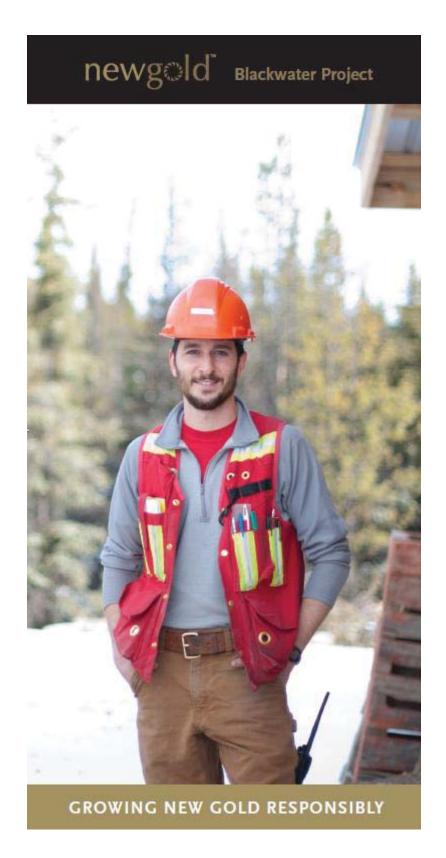














Appendix T: Citizens Forum Photo-Collage





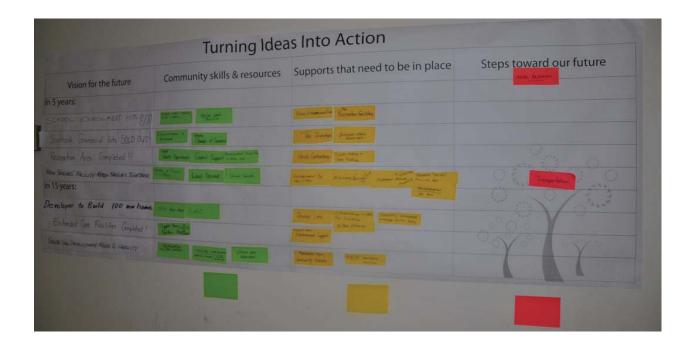


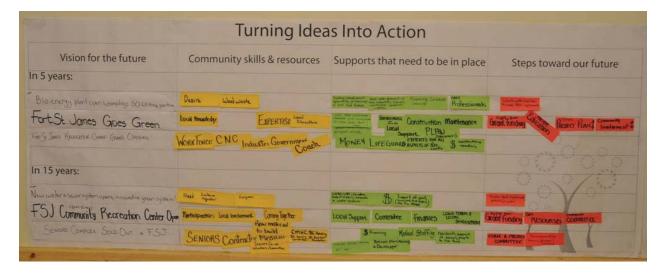






Appendix U: Citizens Forum Visual Summary







Appendix V: Feedback Form



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Appendix W: Business Directory Form





BUSINESS DIRECTORY

BACKGROUND

The New Gold Blackwater Project is located approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof in central British Columbia. Mine construction is anticipated in early 2015, permitting dependent.

New Gold realises that our growth and success depend on the economic, social and environmental sustainability of each of the communities in which we live and work.

We are committed to hiring locally wherever possible as a means to create local direct and indirect economic benefits. Registration with the directory is voluntary and will not automatically qualify businesses for future bids. Companies are advised to do their due diligence and follow normal business practices in order to seek out Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Request for Qualifications (RFQs) relating to the proposed project.

Compliance with the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia, Work Safe BC and all New Gold Health, Safety and Environmental Policies and Safe Work Procedures will be mandatory.

Questions? Email office.blackwater@newgold.com

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Please indicate which categories you would like to be listed under in the business directory. Check all that apply.

GENERAL Association Business Services Fencing Furniture Landscaping Logistics Manufacturing Occupational Health & Safety	☐ Equipment/Tool Rentals ☐ Excavation ☐ General Contractors ☐ GIS/Mapping ☐ Hauling/Cranes ☐ Heavy Construction ☐ Hydrogeology ☐ Industrial Construction ☐ Industrial	☐ Consultation/Strategic ☐ Graphic Design ☐ Transcription Services ☐ Writing/Editing ☐ Other: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ☐ Assign three
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☐ Demolition/Explosives ☐ Drilling / Geotech Exploration ☐ Electrical ☐ Engineering Monitoring	COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN	☐ Event Coordination ☐ Meetings/Venues ☐ Workforce Camps ☐ Other:

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Section 3 - Additional Information

1. What is your company's project capital cost capacity?	
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3. What type of equipment do you currently have available?	
4. Please provide two examples of related project experience:	
5. Do you see your company as a prime contractor □ or a sub-contractor □	?
6. Please indicate any relevant certifications (ISO certification, SAFE, etc.)	
7. Is your company bondable? Y/N Amount:	
8. Is your company unionized? Y/N	

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Appendix X: Employment Business Cards

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Applicants interested in a position with New Gold's Blackwater Project may apply with a cover letter and resume to: careers.blackwater@newgold.com or by fax to 250-567-9629

See our website for current postings: www.newgold.com/careers

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Appendix Y: Completed Feedback Forms



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