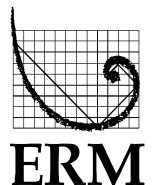


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Acronyms and Abbreviations

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Terminology used in this document is defined where it is first used. The following list will assist readers who may choose to review portions of the document.

Application	Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate
AIR	Application Information Requirements
BCEAA	British Columbia <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>
BC EAO	BC Environmental Assessment Office
CEAA	<i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>
CEA Agency	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
Project	The Brucejack Gold Mine Project
The Plan	Public Consultation Plan

1. Introduction

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Pretium Resources Inc.'s (Pretivm) is proposing to develop an underground gold and silver mine, the Brucejack Gold Mine Project (the Project), with a production capacity of 2,700 tonnes per day over a minimum 22-year mine life, approximately 65 km north-northwest of Stewart, BC. The proposed Project is subject to the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act, 2002* (BCEAA 2002) and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA, 2012). This Public Consultation Plan (the Plan) is intended to fulfill the requirements of section 18.1 of the Section 11 Order (the Order), issued by the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) on July 4, 2013 under the BCEAA, 2002.

Public consultation requirements for the British Columbia EA process are set out in the BCEAA, 2002 Public Consultation Policy Regulation (BC Reg. 373/2002). The Regulation includes provisions for providing public notice and public access to information, establishing formal public comment periods, and engaging the public, all of which are reflected in the Order.

Public participation and notice requirements are identified in various sections of CEAA, 2012. As stated in section 4(1)(e), one of the purposes of CEAA, 2012 is to ensure that opportunities are provided for meaningful public participation during an environmental assessment (EA). One of the factors to be considered in the EA includes taking into account comments from the public (section 19(1)(c)). Information related to the Project EA will be posted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) electronic Project Information Centre¹, or e-PIC, and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry.

For the purposes of Pretivm's engagement program, the term "public" includes citizens living in northwest BC communities (Figure 1-1): Stewart, Smithers, Terrace, Dease Lake, Iskut, Telegraph Creek, the Hazeltons, and four Nisga'a villages in the Nass Valley; interest groups and non-governmental organizations (e.g. economic development associations, educational institutions, environmental organizations); commercial interests and private land owners (e.g. guide outfitters, mineral and forest tenure holders, hunters and trappers)², and recreational land-users. Pretivm is also required to consult with government agencies, local government, and Nisga'a Nation and Aboriginal groups with respect to the potential effects of the proposed Project. Engagement with local governments is included in the Plan³. A separate Aboriginal Consultation Plan has been developed, which outlines engagement objectives and plans for the Application and Application review stages, and has been submitted to the BC EAO.

The Plan outlines Pretivm's approach to public engagement in the pre-Application/pre Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)⁴ submission stage and proposes a plan for public engagement during the Application review stage including information distribution, and seeking, considering, and addressing feedback on the Project. Engagement activities will also include seeking information on potentially affected local and community interests, issues tracking and reporting.

¹ http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_home_395.html

² Tenure holders and those with commercial interests have been interviewed as part of the land use baseline study (see section 5.3) but may also participate in public engagement activities as part of the EA process.

³ Local governments will be invited to participate on the BC EAO/CEA Agency's Working Group for the Project.

⁴ For the rest of the document we refer only to the pre-Application and Application review phases for the reader's ease, but these phases are intended to be inclusive of the federal pre-submission EIS phase and EIS review phase.

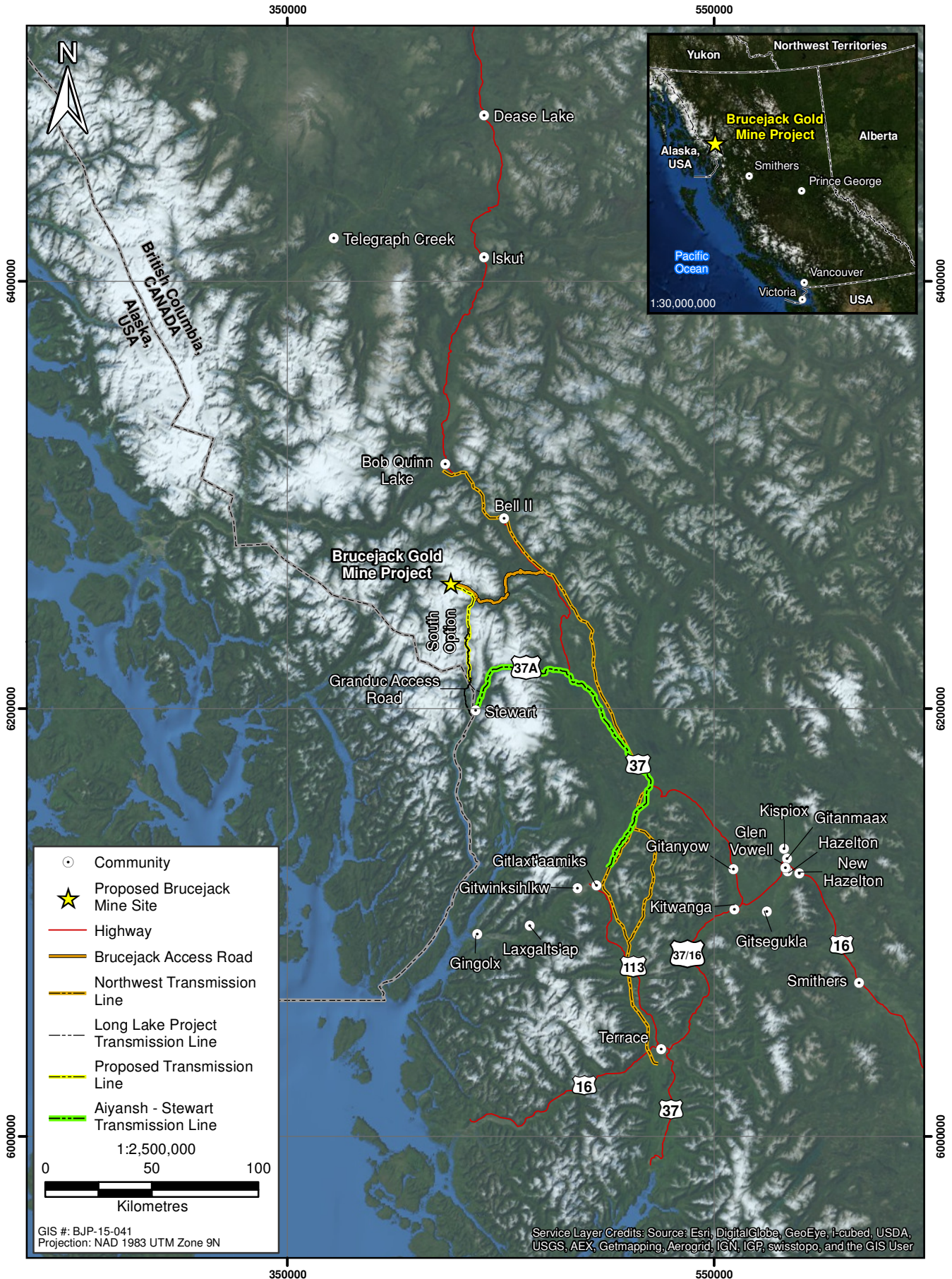


Figure 1-1

The Plan briefly describes the Project (Section 2); outlines the underlying principles and the objectives of Pretium's public engagement program (Section 3); describes information distribution activities (Section 4), and outlines the public engagement strategy during the pre-Application stage and the proposed plan during the Application review⁵ stages (Section 5). While this plan outlines a framework for, and key components of, an effective public engagement program, the nature of engagement necessitates that the plan be adaptable to public interests that may become apparent as the engagement process proceeds.

⁵ This stage also is inclusive of the federal EIS review stage.

2. Brucejack Gold Mine Project Overview

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Pretium proposes to develop an underground gold and silver mining operation. Over a 22-year mine life, the mine will produce approximately 19 Mt of ore at a rate of 2,700 tonnes per day. The Brucejack property is located at 56°28'20" N latitude by 130°11'31" W longitude, which is approximately 950 km northwest of Vancouver, 65 km north-northwest of Stewart, and 21 km south-southeast of the closed Eskay Creek Mine (Figure 2-1). The Project is located within the Kitimat-Stikine Regional District.

The mine site area will be located near Brucejack Lake. The Project will be accessed by a 75 km road connecting with Highway 37 about 30 km south of Bell II. This road may require upgrading to support mine traffic. The road will be used year-round to mobilize personnel, equipment and supplies to the mine site and to truck concentrate from the mine site to the port in Stewart for shipment overseas or to rail facilities along the Highway 16 corridor. A transmission line will connect the mine site to the provincial power grid near Stewart.

The general area of the Brucejack Property has been the target of mineral exploration since the 1960s. In the 1980s Newhawk Gold Mines Ltd. conducted advanced exploration activities at the current site of the proposed Brucejack mine site that included 5 km of underground development, construction of an access road along the Bowser River and Knipple Glacier, and resulted in the deposition of 60,000 m³ of waste rock within Brucejack Lake.

The Project is expected to provide positive economic benefits to local communities as a result of direct training and employment opportunities (at higher wage levels) generated by the Project; the Project will support an estimated 500 person-years of employment during construction, and at least 4,800 person-years of employment during operations. Indirect employment opportunities (e.g., goods and services contract providers to the mining industry) will also increase, creating positive spin-off effects in the local, regional, and provincial economies. The Project will also generate annual revenues (e.g. property tax, licensing fees, royalties, and income tax) for local, provincial, and federal governments.

Environmental baseline data was collected from Brucejack Lake and the surrounding vicinity in the 1980s to support a Stage I Impact Assessment for the Sulphurets Project proposed by Newhawk Gold Mines Ltd. Silver Standard Resources Inc. commenced recent environmental baseline studies specific to the currently proposed Project in 2009 which have been continued by Pretium, following its acquisition of the Project in 2010. Environmental and socio-economic baseline programs are currently underway.

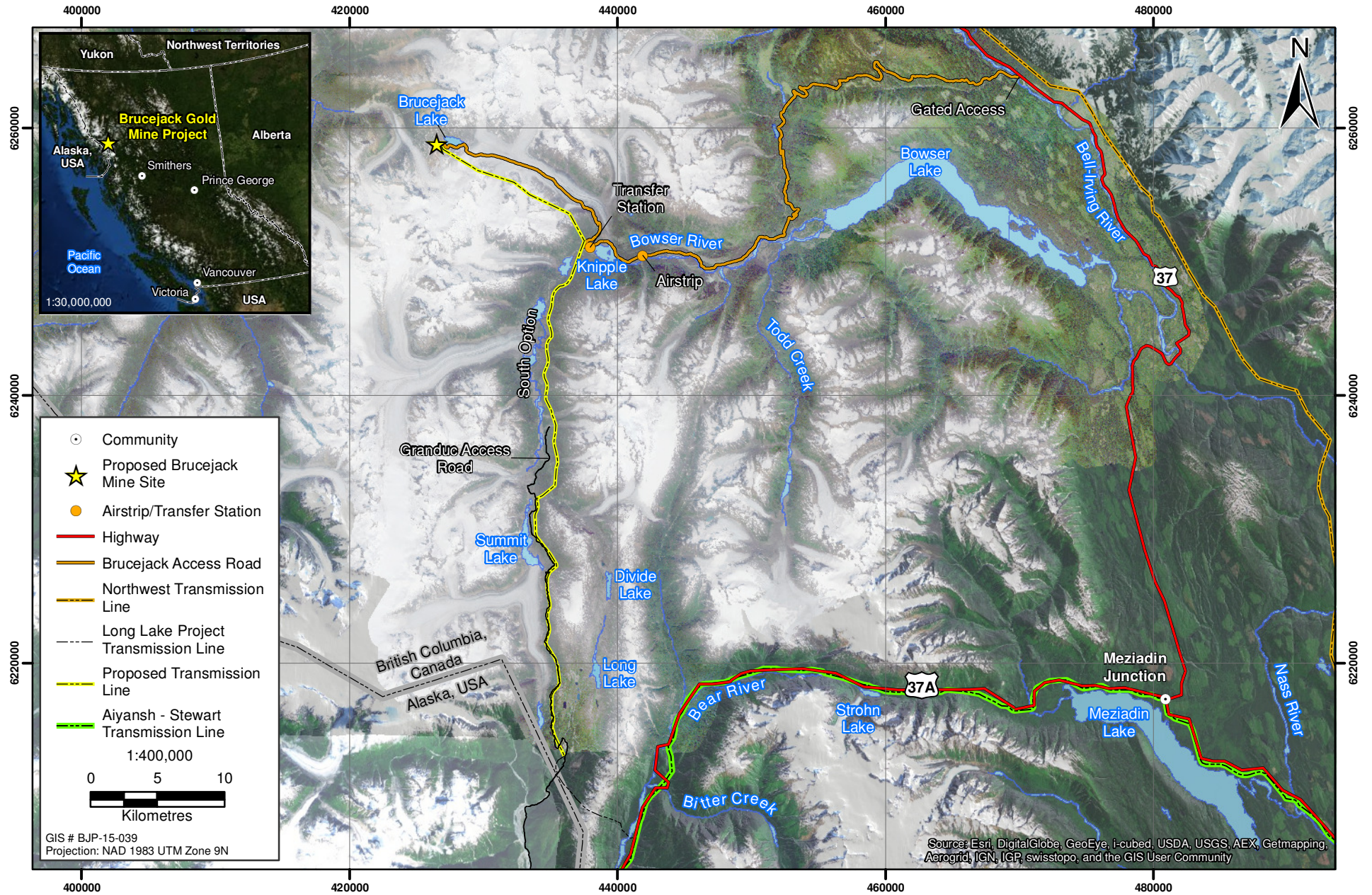


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3. Public Engagement Principles and Objectives

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Pretivm is responsible for ensuring that the Application/EIS contains the appropriate level of information to assess the potential effects of the proposed Project, including taking into account issues raised during public consultation. Pretivm will engage with the public to identify their interests in the Project and will identify measures to avoid or mitigate potential adverse effects on public interests. Pretivm will conduct its engagement activities in concordance with the Section 11 Order and the requirements of CEAA, 2012, including compliance with the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1996).

Pretivm recognizes that the success of its operations rely on establishing positive, trusting relationships with employees, local Aboriginal groups and communities and stakeholders. Public consultation for the proposed Project will be guided by Pretivm's sustainability policies (Environmental; Health and Safety; and Social Responsibility Policies), available on Pretivm's website at www.pretivm.com.

- Public engagement will be guided by the following principles: Public consultation will be inclusive, accessible, and timely;
- Project information will be distributed in a timely manner;
- Public input will be considered and incorporated as feasible into the Application and considered in Project design;
- Public consultation approaches will be informed by the issues raised by the public; and
- Project information will be readily accessible and accurate.

4. Information Distribution

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Pretium will develop a variety of outreach materials to convey Project information to the public. These materials will be designed for a lay-person audience so that they are easily understood. Many of these materials will be developed in advance of the open houses that will be held during the pre-Application and Application review stages.

Project information will be conveyed using storyboards/posters, information sheets/booklets and/or equivalent, PowerPoint presentations, and press releases. Project updates will also be provided on Pretium's website (<http://www.Pretium.com/Projects/Bruce-Jack/Overview/default.aspx>). At open houses, public comments will be collected at open houses by using feedback forms or comment cards and note-taking during question and answer periods or discussions with the Project Team.

Other outreach materials, such as a project video, may be developed depending on the nature of public comments received on the Project.

5. Engagement with the Public

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5.1 COMMUNITIES NEAR THE PROJECT

The District of Stewart is the closest municipality to the Project, located approximately 65 km north-northwest of Stewart. Over 150 km north of the Project off of Highway 37 are the predominantly Tahltan communities of Iskut, Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake. Over 200 km to the south of the Project off of Highway 16 is the City of Terrace, the largest community in the vicinity of the Project. The Hazeltons and the Town of Smithers are located approximately 150 km and 200 km respectively southeast of the Project off of Highway 16. A number of Nisga'a, Gitksan, and Gitanyow communities are also in the vicinity of the Project (Figure 1-1).

5.2 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UNDERTAKEN TO DATE

Pretivm initiated public engagement in the fall of 2011 when it presented the Project to the Town of Smithers and City of Terrace. In the spring/summer of 2012, Pretivm continued its socio-economic and land use baseline study programs, which involved project introductions and baseline interviews (Section 5.3). Pretivm also attend the annual Minerals North conference in northwest BC in 2011, 2012 and 2013 to provide information on the Project.

Table 5.2-1 summarizes Pretivm's public engagement activities to date.

Table 5.2-1. Pretivm's Engagement with the Public (Until August 31, 2013)

Date	Engagement Method (Location)	Group/Individual	Topics
November 14, 2011	Meeting (Terrace)	Mayor and Council, City of Terrace	Project update
November 16, 2011	Meeting (Smithers)	Mayor and Council, Town of Smithers	Project description
January 25, 2012	Meeting (Terrace)	Mayor, City of Terrace	Business development opportunities
March 28, 2012	Meeting (Smithers)	Mayor, Town of Smithers	Project update
March 28, 2012	Meeting (Terrace)	Mayor and Council, City of Terrace	Project update
October 31, 2012	Meeting (Vancouver)	Last Frontier Heliskiing	Brucejack Access Road
November 29, 2012	Meeting (Smithers)	Mayor and Council, Town of Smithers	Project update
November 30, 2012	Meeting (Vancouver)	Mayor, City of Terrace	Project description

Pretivm plans to make presentations to Chambers of Commerce in Smithers and Terrace and to the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association and Terrace Economic Development Authority in the fall of 2013.

Throughout the pre-Application and Application review stages Pretivm will engage with organizations with potential interests in the Project. Table 5.2-2 lists the organizations who will be engaged at some level. This list may be modified as the engagement process develops and new stakeholders are identified, or if the potential level of interest or Project interaction changes for the groups thereby necessitating different methods of engagement.

Table 5.2-2. Preliminary Stakeholder Identification

Audience Type	Potentially Interested Groups	Methods of Engagement
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwest Community College Northern Lights College BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association Wilp Wilxo'oskwahl Nisga'a Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to community meetings Attendance at Career Fairs (as relevant and applicable) Correspondence Presentations
Social and Health Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Health Social Service Providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to community meetings Interviews as part of socio-economic baseline study program (issues scoping) Correspondence
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrace Economic Development Authority Bulkley Valley Economic Development Authority Chambers of Commerce (Smithers, Terrace) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to community meetings Correspondence Presentations Meetings
Land Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenure and lease holders in the Project vicinity (e.g. mineral, forestry, traplines) Public recreationists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to community meetings Interviews as part of land-use baseline study program Letters of notification regarding Project activities as relevant Meetings (as needed) Correspondence
Special Interest Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental non-governmental organizations Labour organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to community meetings Meetings and presentations (as needed) Correspondence (as needed)

5.3 LAND USE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASELINE STUDIES

Pretivm has completed a land use baseline report, which includes data from interviews with tenure holders and a review of land uses within the Project study area, and a socio-economic baseline report which includes data from interviews with social, health, and education service providers in the Hazelton area^[4]. These interviews have helped to initially scope issues, concerns and interests of land users and service providers who may have interactions with the Project. A project information sheet was distributed during these interviews in the spring/summer 2012. The main issue raised by guide outfitters and trapline holders to date relates to potential effects of changes in access to remote areas. Pretivm is proposing to gate the access road to the mine site to restrict public access to Project personnel. Additional information about the socio-economic and land use issues is covered in the respective baselines that will be submitted as part of the Application/EIS submission.

^[4] These reports will be included in the Application/EIS.

5.4 PRE-APPLICATION STAGE

The purpose of engagement with the public during the pre-Application stage is to identify the potential adverse effects of the proposed Project on public interests. Pretivm will take into account the issues and interests of the public into account when preparing its Application/EIS for formal review, including measures to avoid or mitigate potential adverse effects.

In accordance with sections 18, 20, and 21 of the Section 11 Order, Pretivm will undertake the following activities during the pre-Application stage:

- advertise the dates of open houses and public comment periods a minimum of seven days in advance using local media in compliance with the requirements of the BC EAO;
- hold open houses in northwest communities, as directed by the BC EAO and CEA Agency to provide information on the Project to obtain and respond to public feedback and questions;
- within time limits set by the BC EAO and CEA Agency, respond to issues that are identified in comments submitted by the public during the public comment period on the draft Application Information Requirements (AIR);
- meet with, present to, or otherwise engage interested groups about the Project to increase awareness about the Project and discuss local interests as well as potential measures to avoid or mitigate possible negative effects while enhancing positive effects of the Project;
- identify, compile, track, and, where possible, address issues raised by the public during engagement activities;
- develop a process for the resolution of outstanding issues;
- implement additional measures for engagement as required by the BC EAO and CEA Agency; and
- within time limits set by the BC EAO, prepare reports for the BC EAO summarizing engagement during the pre-Application stage and the information, questions, and comments received from the public (within the scope of the EA) and how these were resolved, as well as next steps for ongoing public engagement.

Based on issues and concerns raised the public during the pre-Application stage, and based on guidance from the BC EAO and CEA Agency, Pretivm will consider other measures to respond to issues and concerns raised by the public as necessary.

5.5 APPLICATION REVIEW STAGE

Once the Application/EIS is accepted for formal review, public comment periods will be held by the BC EAO and CEA Agency. In accordance with sections 19, 20, and 21 of the Section 11 Order and CEA Agency requirements, Pretivm will undertake the following activities:

- advertise open houses and the public comment period a minimum of seven days in advance using local media in compliance with the requirements of the BC EAO;
- hold open houses in northwest communities within the vicinity of the Project area, as directed by the BC EAO and CEA Agency, to present the information contained in the Application, obtain public feedback and to answer questions;
- within time limits set by the BC EAO and CEA Agency, prepare reports summarizing engagement during the Application review stage and the information, questions, and comments received from the public (within the scope of the EA) and how these were resolved, as well as next steps for ongoing public engagement;

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- within time limits set by the BC EAO and CEA Agency, respond to issues that are identified in comments submitted by the public during the formal public comment period for review of the Application/EIS;
- where requested, and within any time limits set by the BC EAO and CEA Agency, provide additional information, to that provided in the Application;
- by mutual agreement, arrange meetings or other means of engaging with identified public interests groups to resolve outstanding issues related to the Project;
- implement additional measures for engagement as required by the BC EAO and Agency; and
- within time limits set by the BC EAO, prepare reports for the BC EAO summarizing engagement during the pre-Application stage and the information, questions, and comments received from the public (within the scope of the EA) and how these were resolved, as well as next steps for ongoing public engagement.

Based on issues and concerns raised the public and stakeholders during the Application/EIS review stage, and based on guidance from the BC EAO and CEA Agency, Pretivm will consider other measures to respond to issues and concerns raised by the public and stakeholders as necessary. Information distribution materials will be developed for use during this stage (e.g. information handouts, posters, etc.) and are outlined Section 4.

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