

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Kitsault Mine Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

Avanti Kitsault Mine Ltd. (Proponent) is proposing to construct and operate an open pit molybdenum mine near Kitsault, BC at the head of Alice Arm (proposed Project). The proposed Project would have the potential to produce between 40,000 to 50,000 tonnes of ore per day.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve Application Information Requirements.

The Application Information Requirements will specify the studies to be conducted and the detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Application. The EAO has now received draft Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and invites comments on this draft.

In order to provide information about the Application Information Requirements, the EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**. There will be an Open House, to be held as follows:

at: **Terrace**
Best Western Hotel
4553 Greig Avenue

on: **March 15, 2011**
from: **4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

At **5:30 p.m.** there will be a presentation by the EAO on the process with an opportunity to ask questions about the process. A second presentation will also be given by the Proponent in relation to the proposed Project.

If you are unable to attend an Open House, you may still wish to make a written submission. There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Application Information Requirements.

The comment period will begin on March 9, 2011 and end on April 8, 2011. All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Application Information Requirements will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, the EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

The EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
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Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-356-6448

An electronic copy of the Application Information Requirements and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application Information Requirements are also available for viewing at these locations:

- Terrace Public Library - (4610 Park Avenue)

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to the EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

