



Izok Corridor Project Proposal

SECTION 3

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3 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

3.1 Overview of Engagement Plan

Since 2004, there has been continuous engagement with Kitikmeot residents, leaders, government departments and Inuit organizations regarding proposed development of the High Lake and Izok Lake deposits. Previous owners (Wolfden, Zinifex and OZ Minerals) completed engagement programs as part of preparation of the High Lake Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which was submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in 2006, and again in anticipation of a review of the proposed Izok Lake Project in 2007/2008.

Recently, MMG announced that it would be discontinuing the review of the High Lake Project, and advancing the Izok Corridor Project. With that announcement, MMG initiated a new engagement and consultation program that, to date has included:

- Early information meetings to update several agencies and boards
- A Resource Development Advisory Group (RDAG) meeting
- Community visits and open houses
- Preliminary issue scoping discussions with communities and agencies
- Announcement of the development of community advisory committees
- Distribution of information sheets, newsletters, etc.

In addition, MMG has maintained an office in Kugluktuk with a full-time Community Liaison Officer and a part-time employee to support consultation activities.

3.2 History of Engagement

Wolfden and Zinifex undertook an engagement program for the proposed High Lake Mine¹ Project between 2004 and 2007. This previously proposed project included a port at Grays Bay and an all-season road connecting the proposed High Lake Mine to a proposed port.

OZ Minerals held a series of consultation and engagement activities in 2007 and 2008 to introduce the Izok Lake Project. **Table 3.2-1** summarizes engagement activities that took place with various Kitikmeot communities between 2004 and 2005 in relation to the proposed High Lake Project. Some community meetings listed below (e.g., with Hamlet Council and/or staff and Hunter and Trapper Organizations) were conducted as part of the socio-economic program.

¹ See NIRB ftp website for details. <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/06MN082-MMG%20HIGH%20LAKE/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/>



Table 3.2-1 Community Visits, 2004-2005

Community	Organization	Date(s)
Cambridge Bay	Community open house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 7, 2004 • May 30, 2005
	Hamlet Council and/or Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 7, 2004 • February 22, 2005 • May 30, 2005
	Hunters and Trappers Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 30, 2005¹
	Local businesses: Kitnuna Corporation, Kitikmeot Supplies, Kitikmeot Foods, Inukshuk Enterprises and Kalvik Enterprises ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 30, 2005
Gjoa Haven	Community open house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1, 2005
	Hamlet Council and/or Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 6, 2004 • April 28, 2005 • June 1, 2005 • August 4, 2005
	Local business: KAP Enterprises/ Central Arctic Services Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1, 2005
Kugaaruk	Hamlet Council and/or Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 3, 2005
Kugluktuk	Community open house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9, 2004 • May 31, 2005
	Hamlet Council and/or Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9, 2004 • February 12, 2004 • May 31, 2005 • May 30, 2006
	Hunters and Trappers Organization ³ and Regional Hunters and Trappers Association ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24, 2005 • May 31, 2005 • May 31, 2006
	Local businesses: JMS Supplies, Mulco Ltd and Kikiak Contractors	
Taloyoak	Community Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2, 2005
	Hamlet Council and/or Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 26, 2005 • June 2, 2005
	Hunters and Trappers Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 26, 2005 • June 2, 2005

1 Invited but did not attend

2 Invited but did not attend

3 Invited but did not attend May 31, 2005 meeting

4 Invited but did not attend May 31, 2005 meeting



In 2007 and 2008, OZ Minerals hosted several site visits. Elders and other representatives from the Kitikmeot communities and Tlicho (NWT) representatives visited the Izok Project site during August and September 2008.

Between 2008 and 2011, MMG’s Community Liaison Officer in Kugluktuk continued with low-key activities such as sponsorship programs, updates to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and facilitating short-term employment opportunities.

Table 3.2-2 presents a summary of consultation activities that occurred with the regulators between 2004 and 2006. Some meetings took place in the communities as part of the community visits and/or the socio-economic program (e.g., Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Government of Nunavut departments).

Table 3.2-2 Inuit Organizations and Regulatory Agency Consultation, 2004-2006

Organization	Location	Date
Cordilleran Mineral Exploration Round-up - Kitikmeot Inuit Association	Vancouver, BC	January 2004
	Vancouver, BC	January 2005
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ¹	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
Environment Canada	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
	Vancouver, BC	June 27, 2006
Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) - Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development	Yellowknife, NT	May 7, 2004
GN, Department of Economic Development & Transportation	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
GN, Department of Environment	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
GN, Department of Health & Social Services	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
Health Canada	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
Human Resources Skills and Development Canada	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	Iqaluit, NU	June 18, 2004
	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005
Kitikmeot Inuit Association	Kugluktuk	February 10, 2004
	Gjoa Haven	April 6, 2004
	Kugluktuk	February 24, 2005
	Kugluktuk	June 1, 2005
	Gjoa Haven	June 1, 2005
	Taloyoak	June 2, 2005
	Kugluktuk	March 30, 2006
Calgary	April 19-20, 2006	
Minerals Development Advisory Group (MDAG) - KIA, NIRB, NPC, GN, INAC and EC representatives	Kugluktuk	February 10-11, 2004
Natural Resources Canada ²	Iqaluit, NU	May 27, 2005



Organization	Location	Date
Nunavut Impact Review Board	Cambridge Bay Calgary, AB Calgary, AB	April 8, 2004 September 2, 2005 June 2006
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	Cambridge Bay Cambridge Bay Iqaluit, NU Cambridge Bay	April 8, 2004 February 21, 2005 May 27, 2005 May 30, 2005
Nunavut Water Board	Gjoa Haven Yellowknife	April 6, 2004 June 3, 2005
Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Kitikmeot Inuit Association and Nunavut Impact Review Board	Toronto, ON Toronto, ON	March 8-9, 2004 March 7-8, 2005 March 7-9, 2006

1 Contacted by teleconference

2 Contacted by teleconference

3.3 Community Liaison Officer and Kugluktuk Office

Since 2009, MMG has maintained an office in Kugluktuk. Currently, the office is staffed by one full-time Community Liaison Officer, Donald Havioyak, and one part-time employee who supports the planning of community events.

The Community Liaison Officer provides direct support to MMG in hiring seasonal staff for the exploration and environmental programs, and provides local knowledge and insight to the planning and design of field programs, development and delivery of the consultation strategy and overall advice to the MMG team. Through ongoing communication with residents and agencies, MMG was able to initiate planning and design of the Project with a relatively inclusive list of concerns and issues and insight from the perspective of local residents.

The Community Liaison Officer also assists with implementation of the MMG community sponsorship program by working closely with the mayors of Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay in the selection of applicants for funding. MMG is also learning about its neighbours' interest and priorities through these programs. **Table 3.3-1** provides a list of community programs funded by MMG to date.

Table 3.3-1 MMG Sponsorship Programs

Organization	Community	Purpose	Sponsorship Amount
Kitikmeot Heritage Society	Cambridge Bay	Cultural Camp	\$10,000
Nunavut Literacy Council	Cambridge Bay & Kugluktuk	Inuinnaqtun Family Literacy Resources	\$11,000
Kugluktuk Recreation	Kugluktuk	Soccer skills clinic	\$500
Cambridge Bay Childcare Society	Cambridge Bay	Fundraiser	\$3,000
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Kugluktuk	Women's Shelter	\$3,000
Kitikmeot Heritage Society	Cambridge Bay	Piecing Our Culture Together: The Kiiliniq High School Mosaic Project	\$10,000
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Kugluktuk	Community Feast	\$1,500



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Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Kugluktuk	Scoreboard	\$8,400
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Kugluktuk	Food hamper fundraiser	\$500
Hamlet of Cambridge Bay	Cambridge Bay	Food hamper fundraiser	\$500
Women In Action, Steps of Hope	Cambridge Bay	Cancer fund-raising	\$2,000
Kugluktuk Recreation	Kugluktuk	Canada Day and Nunavut Day BBQ	\$2,000
Kugluktuk Recreation	Kugluktuk	Hockey Tournament	\$500
Kugluktuk Hunters & Trappers Organization	Kugluktuk	Arctic Char Community Stewardship and Restoration Project	\$5,000
Northern Youth Abroad		Northern Youth Aboard Program	\$1,000
Gjoa Haven Hunters & Trappers Association	Gjoa Haven	Annual Seal Derby	\$1,000
Nunavut Table Tennis Association		Table Tennis Camp in Ottawa with Cultural Programs	\$2,000
NWT & Nunavut Construction Association	Gjoa Haven	Construction Boot Camp	\$6,000
Kugluktuk Recreation	Kugluktuk	Kugluktuk Summer Games	\$5000
KIA employment	Cambridge Bay	Women Building Futures	\$5000

3.4 Early Information Meetings

In recognition of the heavy workloads of agencies, departments and boards and the need to plan ahead, MMG has conducted early information sessions with Nunavut regulators since January 2012. The purpose of these meetings was to provide updates on the Izok Corridor Project and MMG’s long-term plan for its presence in Nunavut, and to seek preliminary feedback on issues and concerns that will need to be considered in the design of the Project. MMG will be establishing a website that will provide up to date information on the project.

During the Vancouver Cordilleran Round Up conference in January 2012, MMG held early information meetings with representatives of several agencies including the NIRB, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), the Nunavut Resources Council (NRC), Minister Taptuna and several members of his team, representatives of the Northern Project Management Office and others. These meetings involved presentations on MMG and the Izok Corridor Project and, in some cases, visits to the Vancouver MMG office and introduction to staff.

On March 5, 2012, MMG organized information meetings with the KIA, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Minister Aggluqaq, Senator Patterson and the NRC during the Prospector and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) symposium held in Toronto. Mr. Andrew Michelmores, CEO of MMG, attended PDAC and was introduced to the KIA, NTI and several others. MMG delivered a presentation on the Izok Corridor Project at a lunch organized annually with the NTI.

The first major planned information event was a presentation on the Project to the Resource Development Advisory Group (RDAG) in Iqaluit in April 2012 prior to the Nunavut Mining Symposium.



The meeting took place over 1.5 days during which MMG presented the Project and its key elements, as well as key issues and potential effects of the proposed development. The following provides a list of agencies that attended this event (**Table 3.4-1**). During the Nunavut Mining Symposium, MMG also met with KIA, the Nunavut Water Board, AANDC, the Nunavut/NWT Chamber of Mines, business representatives, NG and others.

Table 3.4-1 Participants of the Resource Development Advisory Group Meeting, April 2012

Name	Organization
Sarah Holzman	Government of Nunavut (GN) – Department of Environment
Karen Costello	AANDC – Acting Director - Operations, Nunavut Regional Office (NRO)
Murray Ball	AANDC – Manager of Water Resources, NRO
Margaux Brisco	AANDC – Manager, Environment
Allison Dunn	Environment Canada – Sr. Environmental Assessment Coordinator
Eva Paul	AANDC – Water Resources Officer, Kitikmeot Region
Tracey McCaie	AANDC – Acting Manager Land Administration
Sophia Granchinho	Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) – Technical Advisor
Amanda Hanson	NIRB – Director of Technical Services
Marc Noreau	GN – Department of Justice
Gordon MacKay	GN – Economic Development and Transportation – ADM
Paul Budkewitsch	AANDC – District Geologist, Mineral Resources
Matt Senkow	AANDC – District Geologist, Mineral Resources
Leslie Payette	AANDC – Senior Advisor, Executive Services
Andrea Cull	AANDC – Water Resources
Jeff G. Mercer	AANDC - Manager, Lands Administration
Rosanne D’Orazio	AANDC – Environmental Assessment Specialist, Environment
Tamara Fast	AANDC – Regional Socio-Economic Analysis
Gustavo Oliveira	GN – Economic Development and Transportation – Regional Socio-ec Coordinator
Grant Hipfner	GN – Finance
Dianne Lapierre	GN - Economic Development and Transportation Manager, Environmental Assessment and Regulation
John Cowan	Transport Canada – Environmental Officer
Geoffrey Clark	Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) – Director, Lands and Environment
Rob Johnstone	Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) – Deputy Director, Sustainable Mining and Materials Policy Division
Derrick Moggey	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
Keith Morrison	Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) – Senior Advisor, Dept of Lands and Resources
Mitch Bloom	CanNor – Northern Project Management Office (NPMO) – Vice President
Johann Pelage	CanNor – Northern Project Management Office (NPMO) – Project Manager
Paula Smith	Environment Canada (EC)
David Hohnstein	Nunavut Water Board (NWB) – Director of Technical Services
Pauloosie Suvega	GN – Dept. of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA) – Assistant Deputy Minister, Sustainable Development
Jean Daniel Blouin	GN – Dept. of the Environment



MMG is also building relationships with other mining proponents (such as Elgin Mining, Sabina, XStrata, Agnico Eagle) that are active in Nunavut, and is planning to seek opportunities for resource sharing, lessons learned and potential efficiencies in delivery of environmental and socio-economic programs.

In May 2012, MMG also met with the Wekeezii Land and Water Board, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Environment Canada, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and the Kwe Beh Working Group in Yellowknife.

3.4.1 Community Visits

In July 2011, MMG’s Approval Manager and Human Resources Manager traveled to Kugluktuk to introduce themselves, as new MMG staff. Along with MMG’s Community Liaison Officer, they met with the Mayor and Councilors of the Hamlet, the Economic Development officer, the High School Principal and the Social Services team, and visited the Elders center, the Recreational Center, the KIA and the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization (KHTO) offices to provide an update on the Project and an overview of MMG’s objectives. A similar visit was planned for Cambridge Bay but was cancelled due to poor weather.

The Community Liaison Officer continued to work with residents and agencies to provide information, seek feedback and liaise between the larger MMG team and residents.

Since April 2012, MMG has visited each community within the Kitikmeot and met with parties that might have an interest in the Project (**Table 3.4-2**). The purpose of these meetings was to inform communities about the Izok Corridor Project and seek preliminary feedback on issues and concerns that will need to be considered in the design of the Project, and to introduce MMG to the Nunavut.

During the community visits, MMG held open houses and smaller one-on-one meetings with agencies. At the request of and with the support of KIA, MMG delivered a full-day version of the RDAG material to the Hamlet, KIA staff and HTO and several others in Kugluktuk during the week of the open house. More activities are planned for 2012 and 2013.

Table 3.4-2 Recent Community Visits

Organization	Location	Date
Mayor and Council Secondary School Hunters and Trappers Organization Elders Center Social Services Economic Development Officer	Kugluktuk	July 2011
Mayor and Council, Kugluktuk Hamlet	Vancouver	January 2012
Community Open House Mayor and Council Hunters and Trappers Secondary School	Gjoa Haven, NU	April 16-17, 2012
Community Open House Mayor and Council Hunters and Trappers	Kugaaruk, NU	April 18-19, 2012



Organization	Location	Date
Secondary School		
Community Open House Mayor and Council Hunters and Trappers Secondary School	Taloyoak, NU	April 19-20, 2012
Community Open House Mayor and Council Hunters and Trappers Secondary School Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Kitikmeot Inuit Association Nunavut Impact Review Board Arctic College	Cambridge Bay, NU	April 24–27, 2012
Community Open House Mayor and Council Hunters and Trappers Secondary School Kitikmeot Inuit Association RCMP	Kugluktuk, NU	April 30-May 3, 2012
Wekeezii Land and Water Board, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Environment Canada, CanNor and the Kwe Beh Working Group	Yellowknife, NT	May 29-30, 2012

3.4.2 Summary of Issues and Concerns

Consultation undertaken in April and May 2012 with residents of the Kitikmeot, regulatory agencies for Nunavut and the NWT, and the Tlicho revealed the following thoughts, issues and concerns related to the Project.

Employment

The primary interest by all the groups was the possibility of employment. With the impending changes to the Newmont operations in the Kitikmeot, the possibility of having employment with MMG was high on everyone’s mind.

Training

The second area of interest was opportunities for training to improve employment opportunities and when these might be made available to Kitikmeot residents.

Business opportunities

The Kitikmeot businesses asked about contracting opportunities, and when these opportunities would be available.



Shipping

Residents of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak expressed concerns related to Project shipping. In particular, polar bear and walrus were discussed.

Caribou

Comments were provided from each community regarding the Bathurst and Dolphin and Union (DU) caribou herds. Community members welcomed MMG's efforts to avoid interference with calving cows from the Bathurst herd. They also provided information on timing of when caribou from the DU herd gather along the coastline. They expressed a great interest in participating in the development of management and monitoring plans. MMG is following up with site visits and workshops in summer and fall 2012.

Fish

The Kugluktuk HTO wanted to discuss fish in Izok Lake and what species reside in the lake. MMG is following up with a site visit in August 2012.

Water quality

Interest was expressed about MMG's plans for tailings, waste and water management.

3.5 Future Engagement

The next phases of the engagement program will focus on clarifying Project-related issues, and seeking input to the assessment of Project alternatives and the development of mitigation strategies and management plans for the Project. Sessions will be conducted with regulators, community advisory committees, HTOs, mayors and councils, and the broader Kitikmeot public. MMG will continue to keep the Tlicho in NWT informed, and will arrange a meeting with the Inuvialuit Game Council to advise them of Project-related marine shipping proposed along the western route. MMG will also arrange for site visits during the summer of 2012.

MMG will prepare regular newsletters and fact sheets, and develop an Izok Corridor Project specific website to keep community members, organization and regulators apprised of progress being made on the Project.

Immediate engagement plans include a workshop on caribou-related concerns in Kugluktuk in September 2012, a site visit by the HTOs, biologists, DFO and KIA in August 2012, open houses and information/update sessions and other meetings in September 2012. Discussions related to potential alternatives for routing of the all-season road, traffic management and potential conflicts with caribou will be a high priority with all groups. MMG has also initiated discussions with Nunavut Government biologists.