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**Attention:**

Carlos Ferriera, President of the Long Lake Cottage Association

Richard Loiselle, President of the Beresford Lake Cottage Association

Darrell McKenzie, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs

Manitoba Trappers Association

***Re: Rehabilitation and Remediation of Orphaned / Abandoned Mine Sites  
Central Manitoba & Gunnar Tailings Mine Sites, Nopiming Provincial Park, Manitoba***

Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch, wishes to inform your organizations that the rehabilitation of the above-noted two abandoned mines sites in the Nopiming Provincial Park area are scheduled to commence during the spring of 2012.

Mines Branch, through its consultant AMEC Environment & Infrastructure (AMEC), is completing the rehabilitation of 31 high hazard orphaned or abandoned mine sites throughout Manitoba. These mine sites were identified in earlier studies completed in 2007 by AMEC for Mines Branch.

The two sites to be rehabilitated in the Nopiming Provincial Park are shown on Figure 1, and include:

- **Central Manitoba Mine site**, located about 40 km southeast of the Town of Bissett, MB and approximately 9 km northeast of the Cottage Community of Long Lake; and
- **Gunnar Tailings site**, located about 52 km southeast of the Town of Bissett, MB and approximately 1 km west of the southern portion of Beresford Lake.

The rehabilitation work will entail the following general activities:

- a) Re-construction of the section of Provincial Highway 304 that crosses the tailings disposal area at the Central Manitoba Mine site to accommodate for adjustment in re-grading and soil cover construction;
- b) Demolition, removal, burial and/or recycling of concrete foundations, machinery, equipment, and debris to improve public safety and aesthetics;
- c) Covering of exposed tailings from former mine operations using a soil cover to improve water quality and minimize dust and wind-blown tailings;

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- d) Drainage management and improvement of surface runoff collection at both site locations to minimize any further erosion; and,
- e) Re-vegetation of the soil cover using native grasses and local tree seedling species, characteristic to the Nopiming Provincial Park region, to improve and return micro-eco-system, improve aesthetics and restore a park-like setting.

Mines Branch intends to proceed with construction work in early spring, most likely during the month of March 2012, starting with the reconstruction of the PR304 section of the highway. Winter and spring construction was also selected in order to minimize traffic disturbance in the region.

Mines Branch plans to complete the rehabilitation by the following winter of 2012.

We thank you for your consideration of the planned mine rehabilitation work scheduled for the Nopiming Provincial Park area. We also thank you in advance for your patience and support in our efforts to rehabilitate these sites. We will provide more updates as we get closer to the start of construction activities.

Should you have any questions, require further information about this project, or would like to have a community information session or presentation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-945-6505 or by e-mail at [ernest.armitt@gov.mb.ca](mailto:ernest.armitt@gov.mb.ca).

Yours truly,



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