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**Proposed  
Northwest Territories Mining Regulations  
and  
Nunavut Mining Regulations**

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# Overview

- Objectives and highlights of Mining Regulation Modernization
- Benefits of new regulations
- Mining regulations and Devolution
- Nunavut Map Selection project



# Modernization of Mining Regulations

- Objectives:
  1. Conform to legislative standards and reflect current administrative practices
  2. Change to metric units of measure
  3. Replace the *Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations* (NTNMRs) with two federal regulations:
    - The Northwest Territories Mining Regulations, and
    - The Nunavut Mining Regulations
  4. Split regulations to facilitate devolution
  5. Enable Nunavut to make changes required for online map selection of mineral claims



# Highlights of Proposed Amendments

- Removes discretionary provisions
- Clarifies legal authority for acceptance of cash in lieu of work and work deposits
- Presents rules in a logical order to follow the mineral exploration life cycle
- Repeals sections that do not add significant value to the regime
- Reducing duplication with other federal legislation
- Clarifies terms of cancellation for permits, claims and leases
- See FAQs available to AANDC booth for further details on how your business may change as a result of the proposed changes



# Benefits of Change

- Cost savings
  - Total annualized average administrative savings of \$619,000 or \$688 per stakeholder over ten years.
- Predictability of outcomes increased by removing discretion in approving applications
  - Example: suspensions of time no longer at the discretion of the Supervising Mining Recorder
- Improves interpretation by removing obsolete sections and reorganizing the flow of the regulations
  - Example: Extensions of time due to illness and general provisions grouped at end of regulations



# Proposed Regulations and Devolution

- As of April 1, 2014, administrative power and authority over the majority of Crown lands in NWT will devolve to the Government of the Northwest Territories.
  - Regulations planned to be in place to coincide with this date
  - GNWT planning on substantially mirroring the new regulations to provide a consistent regime across the North
- Transition
  - Mining Recorder in Yellowknife will be with the Government of Northwest Territories
  - Do not submit combined Nunavut and NWT applications
  - Do not stake mineral claims that straddle the Nunavut and NWT boundary
  - Planned office closure to accommodate move and file transition



## Post Devolution and NWT

- Lands retained by Canada in NWT
  - Small parcels of certain lands are excluded from transfer and will be retained by Canada.
  - This means the surface and subsurface will continue to be administered federally by AANDC.
  - Federal mining regulations will continue to apply to these specific parcels of land.
  - Lands are described in Schedule 4 of the *Devolution Final Agreement*.
  - Further information on this topic will be distributed as it is available.



# Effect of NWT Devolution on Nunavut operations

- Business as usual
  - Planned office closure to accommodate file transition related to devolution
  - Do not submit applications to Nunavut that pertain to NWT
  - Nunavut Mining Recorder will have no access to GNWT mining records
  - Interpretations from the Nunavut Regional Office cannot be relied upon in the NWT
  - No trans-boundary applications will be accepted for any type of transaction





# Nunavut Map Selection project

- Internal Release 1 March 31, 2014
  - Project will be implementing a new internal database for the Mining Recorder on March 31, 2014
  - No change for industry, except there will be a new map viewer
  - A demo of the new map viewer should be ready and up for display at PDAC 2014
- Regulatory amendments to Nunavut Mining Regulations
  - Summary of proposed changes have been updated based on feedback from Jan 2013, see FAQ sheet for details (at AANDC booth)
  - Drafting will commence in February 2014, aim to have draft pre-published in *Canada Gazette I* during fall 2014
  - Open to having a session at the Nunavut Mining Symposium on the proposal as a check back to make sure we are on the correct track
- Estimated implementation date: Spring/Summer 2015



# Questions

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