

SPECIAL ADVISOR ON MINING

Consultative Committee for the Joint Development
of a Northern Mineral Strategy

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Hon. Hugh Faulkner, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has proposed that a Special Advisor on mining, drawn from the mining industry, be appointed forthwith to his Department in Ottawa to assist in the elaboration of a Northern Mineral Strategy.

The mining industry, represented in this instance by the Yukon Chamber of Mines, the Northwest Territories Chamber of Mines, the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines, the Alberta Chamber of Resources, and the MAC, has warmly welcomed this proposal and has unanimously agreed to it.

2. The role of the Special Advisor, who will have access to the Minister on all appropriate occasions, will be to advise the Minister and his senior officials on suitable provisions to be incorporated in a Northern Mineral Strategy to ensure that exploration and mineral development in the Yukon and Northwest Territories proceed in an orderly and progressive manner, consistent with the cultural requirements and the economic well being of the residents of the two territories and the need for necessary ecological and environmental protection measures.

More specifically advice to the Minister and his senior officials will include:

- (a) a review of the fiscal regime applicable to exploration and mineral development in the territories, in coordination with the current federal/provincial review of resource taxation and with emphasis on the need for special incentives to encourage investment in the North and on employee benefits for Canadians working in northern areas, and appropriate recommendations in this field,
- (b) a review of land use policy taking into consideration such matters as the vesting of mineral rights, the access to minerals for acquiring title, the simplification of administrative regulations and procedures, and the access to withdrawn lands together with recommendations in these particular areas,

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(c) a review of the necessary infrastructure required to bring about exploration and mineral development in the territories with appropriate recommendations,

(d) a review of the manpower requirements necessary for such mineral development and recommendations to achieve the necessary manpower capability, and

(e) a review of, and recommendations on, other appropriate special elements of a comprehensive Northern Mineral Strategy.

3. The duration of the Special Advisor's appointment will be determined by the time necessary to prepare a Northern Mineral Strategy. It is expected that this might cover a period of some six months.

4. The Special Advisor's remuneration will be determined in consultation with the Minister, and it, together with travelling and other expenses incurred by the Special Advisor in carrying out his duties will be the responsibility of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

5. The Special Advisor will carry out his duties in conjunction with a Consultative Committee for the Joint Development of a Northern Mineral Strategy, acting as Chairman of that Committee.

6. This Consultative Committee will comprise of seven representatives from industry (two representing the Yukon Chamber of Mines, two representing the Northwest Territories Chamber of Mines, and one each respectively from the B. C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines, the Alberta Chamber of Resources, and the Mining Association of Canada. It would include appropriate senior officials from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and one official from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and also the Chairmen of the five sub-groups of the Committee who would work on designated elements of a Northern Mineral Strategy, i.e. Fiscal Regime, Land Use, Administrative Practices, Infrastructure, and Manpower.

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7. In his capacity as Chairman of the Consultative Committee, the Special Advisor will determine when and where that Committee shall meet to progress its work.

8. Notice of any such meeting shall be deemed to be sufficiently given if mailed to each member of the Committee at least ten days prior to the holding of such meeting. Travel and other expenses incurred by Committee members to attend such meetings will be their personal responsibility.