## **Appendix 3-A**

Notice of Open Houses and Invitation to Comment



## Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Brucejack Gold Mine Project

## **Open Houses** and Invitation to Comment

Pretium Resources Inc. (Proponent) is proposing to develop the Brucejack Gold Mine Project, approximately 65 km northnorthwest of Stewart, B.C (proposed Project). The proposed Project would be an underground gold and silver mine with a production capacity of 2,700 tonnes per day.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any development can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application for a certificate by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) of British Columbia 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. 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, and to receive comments from the public, EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**. There will be five Open House*s*, to be held as follows:

at: on: from:	Gitmidiik Hall 5216 Tait Ave. Gitlaxt'aamiks (New Aiyansh) Monday November 25, 2013 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at: on: from:	Al Lawrence Memorial Centre 804 Main St. Stewart Tuesday November 26, 2013 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at: on: from:	St. Peter's Anglican Church 4390 Government St. Hazelton Wednesday November 27, 2013 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
at: on: from:	Dease Lake Community Hall Dease Lake Thursday November 28, 2013 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at: Klappan Independent Day School- Gymnasium

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 November 13, 2013 and end on December 13, 2013. <u>All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Application Information Requirements will be considered.</u>

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed 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, EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- <u>By Online Form at</u> http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca
- By Mail: Scott Barillaro Project Assessment Manager Environmental Assessment Office PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9V1
- <u>By Fax</u>: Fax: 250-356-2208

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:

- Hazelton Public Library (4255 Government St., Hazelton)
- Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (222 – 5th Avenue Main St., Gitlaxt'aamiks/New Aiyansh)
- Dease Lake Learning Centre/Northern Lights College Library (10 Commercial Dr., Dease Lake)
- Stewart Public Library (824 A Main St., Stewart)
- Smithers Public Library (3817 Alfred Ave., Smithers)
- Terrace Public Library (4610 Park Ave., Terrace)

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 EAO on the proposed Project.

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 on:
 Thursday November 28, 2013

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 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

