

Media Release

Mining Association of Nova Scotia

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MANS supports consideration of Ship Harbour Long Lake for protection

Halifax – Gordon Dickie, President of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia (MANS), will be participating in today's announcement by the Premier and Ministers Morse and Parent of the consideration of Ship Harbour Long Lake for protection under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act.

"MANS supports this announcement and looks forward to the consultative process that will now be under way to determine the exact boundaries of the protected area," states Mr. Dickie. "We must not forget, as we move forward with this process that our responsibility to Nova Scotians is to ensure the Department of Natural Resources determines the mineral potential of the lands within the proposed boundaries and excludes high potential areas from the final area to be protected."

The Mining Association believes that the province of Nova Scotia can carefully balance the goal of protecting 12% of the total land mass of our province as outlined in Bill C146 - Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act while respecting the societal and economic needs of Nova Scotia. In fact, MANS believes that in working with the government, our members can assist in recommending areas for protection that would not disadvantage the economic growth of Nova Scotia by restricting the orderly development of the mineral resources of this province.

Mr. Dickie added that the mining industry looks forward to providing meaningful input into the consultative process for Ship Harbour Long Lake and in the longer term, for other areas under consideration for protection.

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