



News Release

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Mining Association of Nova Scotia looks forward to clarity as changes to the Environmental Assessment Regulations are implemented

HALIFAX – The Mining Association of Nova Scotia (MANS) is pleased the provincial government has moved forward with amendments to the Environmental Assessment Regulations. These are a result of a consultative process that started in late 2003 – early 2004 and included discussions with the public, other stakeholders and representatives of MANS.

MANS believes that the changes, including extending the overall timeline for Class 1 undertakings to 50 days from 25 days, allows for greater public and stakeholder involvement in the environmental assessment process in Nova Scotia. “We are already on the leading edge of environmental assessments in Canada and these changes allow more time for important public and stakeholder input to our process,” states Peter Oram, President of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia.

MANS congratulates the Minister of Environment, the Honourable Mark Parent, and his department on ensuring continued improvement on environmental assessments for the benefits of businesses who wish to work in our province.

The Mining Association of Nova Scotia represents members in all areas of mining – exploration, discovery, development, production, reclamation, consulting and suppliers to the industry. We employ over 6200 people and offer the highest weekly wages of all resource sectors. Our contribution to the Gross Domestic Product of the province is over \$480 million per year.

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