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Presidents Message

Hello MANS Members! The office is now running full bore and the phones are buzzing with excitement and anticipation with the hiring of our new Interim Executive Director, Ms Linda Deschenes! The Board delivered a clear message to fill the ED position as quickly as possible and as luck would have it, Linda was looking for an opportunity to move east from Thunder Bay. Linda started work on September 22nd and literally hit the deck running! The Executive have developed an immediate work plan for the Association and Linda has already jumped in with both feet. It's great to have Linda on board and I look forward to her moving our agendas quickly forward. You can read more about Linda further down this page.



I recently attended the Energy & Mines Ministers Conference in Montreal and can report that there is a strong message emerging from all sectors of the mining industry regarding Corporate, Social Responsibility in getting buy-in on mining projects and the e3 plus program which highlights excellence in social responsibility, environmental stewardship and health and safety. Concerns regarding thinning of the northern ice sheets (specific to ice roads) could mean closing of some mining projects and communities resulting from not being able to get basic supplies moved in from the south. Regardless of the cause for global warming, the potential consequences are devastating!

On top of all that going on our staff is busy setting up meetings with MANS members, government officials and other associations. So, would you like to meet with the new Executive Director? Give the office a call at (902) 406-7625 to set up a date and time.

Executive Directors Message



Hello MANS membership. I am delighted to introduce myself as your *Interim* Executive Director. For those of you who know me, it's great to be back, and to all our members that I have not had the pleasure of their acquaintance, I look forward to meeting you at the semi-annual general membership meeting on October 24, 2010.

I bring to MANS an extensive management background which includes: corporate telecommunications and technology, training and development and operations management, as well as project management within the mining industry of Nova Scotia.

As you can image we have a lot to accomplish in the upcoming months but, I am confident that with the knowledge and expertise we possess collectively we will form strong alliances which will foster the growth of our association and our presence in Nova Scotia.



Geology Matters 2010

The Mineral Resources Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host its 34th annual fall conference on October 25 and 26 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. This year DNR, the Mining Association of Nova Scotia, the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Prospectors Association will co-host the conference under the name Geology Matters. Organizers hope to attract a broad audience, including representatives of several government departments, Nova Scotia Business Inc., the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Regional Development Authorities, the Ecology Action Centre, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the general public, the Environmental Network, Aboriginal groups, municipal planners and administrators, students and teachers, consultants, mining companies and many more. The goal for Geology Matters 2010 is to build awareness of the important role that geology plays in our daily lives and the vital contribution of mineral development to a sustainable provincial economy.

Under the theme *Growing the Economy*, Geology Matters 2010 will present the details of work on geoscience and municipal planning, geohazards and health and safety, geoharitage and economic growth, new strategies for managing Nova Scotia's resources, mine-site reclamation and much more. Displays will be presented by the Mineral Resources Branch, its co-hosts, and companies engaged in mineral exploration, development, mining and investment. The program includes presentations from DNR staff and numerous guest speakers, two luncheons, and the annual Minister's Reception where delegates will have the opportunity to meet the Honourable John MacDonell, Minister of Natural Resources. The reception will also feature an awards ceremony to honour the Nova Scotia Prospector of the Year and the winner of the Terrence Coughlan Memorial Award as the outstanding contributor to the development of industrial minerals in Nova Scotia. Geology Matters 2010 will be a perfect venue to emphasize the importance of geoscience for health, growing the economy and for science-based consultation in land-use planning. Admission is free. Information about the conference and online registration forms can be found on the DNR website (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/NATR/MEB/oh/index.asp>). For further information contact Diane Webber, Liaison Geologist, Department of Natural Resources at 902-424-3053



October 24th Membership Meeting

October 24th marks the date of the semi annual meeting of MANS membership. The Meeting will be held at the Westin Nova Scotia. The meeting will be held at 10am.

We will serve a continental breakfast and have a time of networking at 9am until the start of the meeting at 10am. We ask that anyone interested in attending please RSVP no later than October 15th in order for us to ensure that the breakfast is appropriately planned for by the hotel.

You can RSVP by email to Lindsey Moore at admin@tmans.ca or by phone (902) 406-7625. We also ask that you pass along any questions or comments you might have about the association in the last 6 months as we would like to address the needs and questions of the membership at this meeting



Ormac Celebrates 25 years!

Interview with Oren MacLean, President

What are some of the exciting projects your company has been working on/worked on?

We started our company in 1985, and at that time dealt mainly with the Potash Mines here locally for the first few years. Since then, and with the addition of many specialized products, we deal with many companies in Eastern Canada, many of which are members of MANS, including Xstrata Zinc , PCS NB , James Material , Canadian Salt , National Gypsum, USG , Georgia, Martin Marietta , Municipal Dexter, Atlantic Minerals, SW Weeks, Conrads, Shaw Group, Nova Construction - and that is just to name a few.

We specialize in Lincoln centralized grease systems for mobile equipment as well as highway trucks. We have built several lube trucks over the years for all the Gypsum mines, Hibernia project, Atlantic Cat and Wilson Equipment. Recently we built a lube truck and a service truck for IOC in Lab City.

Where do you see opportunity for your company in the future?

We are looking forward to working with the Xstrata Coal in Donkin in the next few years . We are also involved in installation and maintenance of the equipment we sell. We also do a lot of conveyor belt winding for many customers, as we did on the load out conveyor at Fundy Gypsum in Hantsport. The belt originally supplied was not suitable so we were involved in removal and install of the new belt.

Our customer base also includes the Power utilities and the oil refineries so it keeps us well informed in the various industries.

We have had some interesting projects with the windmill installations in Nova Scotia involving Enerpac hydraulic torque wrenches. In most windmills there is a Lincoln grease pump for us to service.

We are located in Sussex, New Brunswick, where I keep telling customers there are more cows than people.

But, we are in the midst of a \$1.7B expansion with PCS and we are dealing with some of the major contractors on site.

What is the best benefit of being a member of MANS?

We joined MANS about 4 years ago and have had the opportunity of working over the years with some of the best companies in the industry. We thank those members for their continued support of ORMAC. We can be visited on the web at www.ormacindustrial.com

Mining and Petroleum New Brunswick

The Mining and Petroleum New Brunswick 2010 conference is being held in Fredericton. This conference, which highlights current government and industry activity in the Province, is a cooperative effort by the New Brunswick Prospectors and Developers Association, the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, and my Department.

New Brunswick has a wide range of geological environments that have produced several world class deposits and mines. Easy land access combined with extensive infrastructure, prime global location, and comprehensive regulatory regime, make New Brunswick an excellent place for you to come and explore. Please take a few moments and review our Advanced Exploration Highlights page to get a flavour of what New Brunswick has to offer.

This year's conference program offers a broad range of topics to interest conference delegates. My staff will be reporting on their most recent geoscientific field work, as well as our efforts to improve the efficiency of New Brunswick's legislative framework for minerals and petroleum. In addition, industry representatives will be providing updates, progress reports and new information on a number of mineral and petroleum exploration and development projects in the Province.



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Private member's bill unfairly targets Canadian Mining Industry

Woodstock Sentinel-Review

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A Liberal private member's bill with serious economic consequences for the mining sector is making its way through Parliament. Bill C-300 seeks to regulate the business activities of Canadian-owned mining companies operating in other countries. The rationale for the bill is based on false premises, unproven accusations and the misguided notion of "Corporate Social Responsibility" or CSR.

In an April 15 speech to support the bill, Liberal MP John McKay insinuated that Canadian mining and oil and gas exploration companies behave badly abroad, abusing human rights and the environment. However, McKay provided no evidence, other than a laundry list of unproved charges leveled against the Canadian mining industry by politically active foreign-based, non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Supporters of Bill C-300 claim the legislation would ensure that Canadian corporations engaged in mining, oil or gas activities behave in a manner consistent with international environmental best practices and with Canada's commitments to international human rights standards.

In reality, the bill is a solution looking for a problem.

The mining industry itself has already adopted practices that mirror the principles behind CSR, not because of a government-imposed set of rules, but because it has economic incentives to do so. As a document on the website of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada states: "The business value of CSR is that it can help safeguard license to operate; facilitate access to capital; contribute to reputation, and enhance stakeholder engagement, including with employees."

Mining companies create enormous socioeconomic benefits from their business activities. The best social program of all is a job and prosperity for families. Policy makers should beware of the alternatives. Discouraging mining by raising the costs of doing business risks the loss of the economic benefits that accrue to people in developing countries: less mining means fewer jobs. Mining companies also typically pay above average

wages in local labour markets, often supplying health care and education benefits for employees as well.

Bill C-300 has little to do with improving corporate behaviour but a lot to do with anti-mining ideology. Here's some history. In 2006, the Canadian government initiated the National Roundtable Process on CSR and Canadian Extractive Industries in Developing Countries with different stakeholders. As a result, an advisory group prepared and delivered a consensus report in March 2007 calling on the government to create a comprehensive framework. The government's response to the report was the publication, in March 2009, of a Strategy for the Canadian International Extractive Sector.

However, some NGOs were not happy with the outcome. To quote Mining Watch, "the government's response is highly inadequate as it contains no effective complaints mechanism and no possibility of sanctions for companies not complying with voluntary guidelines. Bill C-300 remedies these flaws."

If the bill is passed, the federal government will have the power to investigate complaints made against Canadian resource companies operating abroad, regardless of whether the complaints come from Canadian citizens or citizens of the nation in which such activities are alleged to have occurred or are occurring. If the companies are found to be responsible for human rights or environmental abuses, they could be denied Canadian government funding from Export Development Canada (EDC) and investment from the Canada Pension Plan.

Bill C-300 will effectively allow anti-mining NGOs to paralyze mining exploration and development by launching a never-ending stream of complaints and investigations. It won't matter whether or not the allegations are unfounded. When one is dealt with, another can be dreamed up. Bill C-300 turns the concept of justice on its head. Mining companies will bear the consequences of false accusations. It will be a legal nightmare for the mining industry, which would have to deal with undue damage to its reputation and significant expenditures for its defense. Meanwhile, NGOs will suffer no costs for making false charges.

