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**Interim Underground Stabilization Contract Pre-Tender Site Visit and Information Session  
October 9th and 10th, 2013  
Meeting Summary**

Alec Reichert - Senior Project Manager - PWGSC  
 Dave Colbourne - DXB Projects  
 Darren Kennard, Senior Technical Manager, Golder Associates Ltd.  
 Sue Longo, Golder Associates Ltd.  
 Tammy Okemaysim - Supply Specialist - PWGSC  
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A brief surface tour and underground tour was given to highlight the current work being done at the stope complex 118.

### **Surface Tour**

The above ground tour gave potential bidders a chance to see the tailings prep work being conducted in the south pond and given an explanation of the tailings characterisation work currently on going. The results of this tailings characterisation will be included in the new Request For Proposal (RFP) currently targeted for a January 2014 posting to GETS. The tour also highlighted some of the challenges associated with congestion on the surface and an idea of the staging areas available for paste production. Prospective bidders were given a chance to view the current drilling at B1 pit.

### **Underground Tour**

The underground tour allowed potential bidders to walk into the 118 stope complex and view 2 of the current fill fences recently installed for the current program associated with the 118 fill. This also gave potential bidders a chance to see the condition of stopes and drifts which are representative of the work included in the pending RFP.

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**Question and Answer Period**

- Q1. What are the key differences between this RFP and the one that closed in the spring of 2013 that was unproductive?
- A1. The new RFP will include information generated from the current drilling program, paste testing including various binder applications, fill fence performance, characterisation of materials in South and Central Tailings Ponds and will have a conceptual mitigation plan for each stope. Also the current drilling program is intended to provide fill delivery options for the entire scope of work.
- Q2. Will the successful bidder be required to provide engineering of fill fences and barricades?
- A2. For the purpose of this tender the term "Fill Fences" will be used to describe non load-bearing structures put in place to damn the flow of paste. The majority of structures required are anticipated to be "fill fences". If an engineered load-bearing barricade is deemed necessary the successful design build contractor will be responsible for providing the engineering services to design and certify the structure. It is anticipated at this time that those services will be incorporated into the Basis of Payment on a time and material basis.
- Q3. Regarding ventilation, who is responsible for monitoring air flows and ensuring sufficient ventilation is maintained throughout the work? Who monitors the air flows? Is mine air heating required from this contractor?
- A3. Currently 80,000 CFM is being supplied for mine air. Obviously the air flows will change as the paste is delivered; however, air flow and air heating is the responsibility of the Care & Maintenance provider (Nuna). The successful contractor will be required to work cooperatively with the Care & Maintenance provider to ensure ventilation in accordance with the Northwest Territories Mine Health and Safety Act is maintained throughout the course of the contract.
- Q4. Can water be sourced from Great Slave Lake or any other sources?
- A4. No, the water license requires us to use the treated water from the polishing ponds for use in the paste production. The current water license allows us to use 300 cubic meters per day. It is possible for the successful contractor to store unused allowance of water in tanks for future use during paste production. It's acknowledged that the water usage limits may be a constraint on paste production.
- Q5. Who is responsible for the screening and bolting of access drifts?
- A5. The successful contractor will be responsible for maintaining the safety of the underground in accordance with the Mines Act which its employees will be accessing for the duration of the contract.
- Q6. Will the drilling be a new scope of work in the re-tendered RFP?
- A6. The drilling component has been removed from the re-tendered scope of work.
- Q7. Is the one season a realistic timeframe to complete all work?
- A7. We are currently evaluating this from a technical perspective.
- Q8. Who does the successful contractor report to?
- A8. Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).
- Q9. Do you need to use the tailings for paste mix and why?
- A9. We anticipate that the tailings will meet our technical requirements and foresee this as the most cost effective solution. We have obtained approval for this material from the regulatory board.

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- Q10. Can all underground services required (eg. power, water, ventilation etc.) be added to the Surpac model?  
A10. No, the services will not be added to the Surpac model, but further information will be provided with the RFP tender package.
- Q11. Can information on the team requirements be released prior to the RFP?  
A11. Additional information on team requirements will be posted prior to the RFP.
- Q12. Will the re-tendered RFP be a 1 Phase or 2 Phase process?  
A12. A Single Phase RFP process will be utilized as we are taking a more prescriptive approach this time and will allow sufficient time during the tendering period to accommodate requests.
- Q13. Will the RFP prescribe what paste mixtures need to go into each stope?  
A13. During the Site Visit, participants were advised that the RFP would be prescribing paste mixtures for each stope. However, following subsequent review of this question and the preliminary answer provided during the tour, it has been decided that the RFP will prescribe the "strength of the paste mixture" that needs to go into each stope. To assist proponents in developing a paste mix that meets the stated requirements for each stope, the RFP will include the mixture designs that have been tested by Golder. Preliminary execution plans will be suggested in the RFP for each stope to be filled.