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YESAB REACHES 1000TH ASSESSMENT MILESTONE

A placer mine received the distinction of becoming the 1000th assessment completed by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) since the Board's inception in November 2005.

In its short lifetime, YESAB has successfully conducted environmental and socio-economic assessments on everything from solid waste disposal sites to multi-million dollar mining projects.

The Board, made up of long time Yukoners, administers the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA). The Act allows for a single assessment process that applies to all Yukon lands - whether those lands are under the control of the federal government, the Yukon government or Yukon First Nation governments.

"I think that it is an outstanding achievement that we have reached our 1000th assessment and it is a total credit to the Board, staff and an involved and concerned Yukon public," noted Board Chair Ken McKinnon. "All Yukoners should recognize the foresight and persistence of the Yukon First Nations in creating a unique Yukon made Assessment process".

The YESA Act became a requirement under Section 12 of the Umbrella Final Agreement and of the Yukon First Nations Final Agreements. The Act is considered a vast improvement over past regimes and is recognized as one of the leading assessment boards in Canada.

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