

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Conservation and Water Stewardship has received a proposal pursuant to *The Environment Act* regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

BACTECH MANITOBA CORPORATION - BACTECH ARS REMEDIATION PROJECT – FILE: 5628.00

A proposal was filed by BacTech Manitoba Corporation for the remediation of a stockpile of arsenopyrite residue at the Snow Lake Mine site (formerly the New Britannia Mine and the Nor-Acme Mine) in the Town of Snow Lake, Manitoba. The site has been identified as a designated site in the Province of Manitoba's Orphaned/Abandoned Mine Site Remediation Program. The Province of Manitoba has entered into an agreement for BacTech to complete the project whereby the stockpile of arsenopyrite residue will be treated and stabilized utilizing the REBgold patented bioleach process (BACOX). The major components of the project include the arsenopyrite residue stockpile; a bioleach plant facility where the arsenopyrite will be remediated; hauling of arsenopyrite residue to the bioleach plant site; a storage impoundment facility; and pipelines to transport stabilized waste to, and recover water from, the storage impoundment facility. The plant is proposed to be located on property within SW 17-68-17 WPM, on the east side of Cedar Avenue including Parcels A and B of Certificate of Title 1709674/3. The storage impoundment facility is proposed to be located on Crown Land located approximately 1.4 kilometers northeast of the bioleach plant facility. Operation of the plant is estimated to continue until mid-2020.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by E-mail (robert.boswick@gov.mb.ca), not later than March 15, 2013. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station) Main Floor, Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg; Snow Lake Town Office, 113 Elm St., Snow Lake; Online Registry <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html> or by contacting Robert Boswick, Environmental Engineer at 204-945-6030.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of *The Environment Act*.

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