

## 8.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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TANCO implemented a public engagement program during the conceptual design phase. The program involved identifying potential stakeholders and conducting activities to ensure that the public was meaningfully consulted. This included an open house held in Lac du Bonnet on July 23, 2013 and in the RM of Alexander on July 27 2013.

This report documents:

- TANCO's public engagement objectives;
- the activities undertaken by TANCO in order to meaningfully engage the public (including regulatory agencies);
- public comments received to date;
- how public comments have been or will be considered by the Company in project planning and/or operation of the mine; and
- plans the Company has for ongoing communication with the surrounding communities.

### 8.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of TANCO's public involvement program were to:

- ensure that interested persons or organizations are provided with current information about the facility and are aware of the proposed activities;
- request public comments throughout the process in order to identify local and regional concerns and ideas; and
- provide the Company with opportunities for further relationship building with neighbouring communities and individuals.

### 8.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

#### 8.2.1 *STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION*

A contact list was developed so that TANCO would be able to communicate on an individual basis with those most likely to express interest in the proposed development activities at the TANCO Mine. The contact list included First Nation communities including Sagkeeng First Nation (Fort Alexander), Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Hollow Water First Nation, Black River First Nation as well as town/municipal councils and organizations in the Eastman Region, elected officials, business owners, resource

users, economic development agencies, and environmental organizations. Numerous provincial and federal government agencies were also included. A copy of the contact list is provided in Appendix C.

### 8.2.2 *MAIL-OUT*

Notification letters were sent to TANCO's contact list on July 12, 2013 via Canada Post. The letters briefly described the proposed development activities and identified the date and location of the upcoming open house. A copy of the notification letter is included in Appendix C.

### 8.2.3 *ADVERTISING*

Notification of the public open house was also provided in regionally/provincially circulated newspapers, including:

- Winnipeg Free Press – July 13 and July 20
- The Clipper Weekly (Beausejour) – July 8
- The Winnipeg River Echo (Powerview-Pine Falls) – July 10
- La Liberté (French) – July 10
- The Paper (Pinawa) – July 8

Copies of the open house newspaper advertisement as well as copies of the open house notification letters are included in Appendix D.

### 8.2.4 *LAC DU BONNET OPEN HOUSE*

A public open house was held in Lac du Bonnet on July 23, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Key TANCO employees and their environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, were present for the duration of the open houses to answer questions.

The open house was an informal, “drop in” event. Display boards presented project-related information pertaining to:

- The purpose of the open house
- The Bernic Lake facility
- Site infrastructure
- Operations (i.e., tailings, residue, water, waste management, etc.)
- Mine closure and reclamation
- Environmental impact assessment

- Environmental monitoring
- Timeline and opportunities for public input

Full-size (90 cm x 60 cm) display boards were provided and available as a handout. A copy of the display boards is provided in Appendix E.

A sign-in sheet was located at the entrance of the venue in order to capture information related to the number of attendees and which communities/organizations each attendee was representing.

Comment forms were available to ensure that those persons wishing to identify concerns, ideas, and opportunities could do so, anonymously or with contact information for follow-up after the event.

The open house was attended by 115 persons. The attendees represented key organizations including Sagkeeng First Nation, Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Environment Canada, Councillors and residents from the towns of Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa, the Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Alexander, Community Futures Winnipeg River, Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association, Manitoba Trappers Association, Bird River cottagers and the Bird River Cottagers Association, as well as local business owners and suppliers.

#### 8.2.5 *BIRD RIVER OPEN HOUSE*

In response to comments received from the Bird River cottagers at the Lac du Bonnet open house, TANCO arranged for a subsequent open house to be held on Saturday July 27, 2013 at the RM of Alexander fire hall. Again, key TANCO employees and their environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, were present for the duration of the open houses to answer questions. Notification of the open house was posted at Trappers Campground and Tall Timbers Lodge on July 24, 2013 and also on a large sign located adjacent to PR 315. The same open house format was followed.

The open house was attended by 14 persons. The attendees represented Bird River cottagers and the Bird River Cottagers Association, as well as members of Lac du Bonnet Wildlife.

In addition to the open house, TANCO invited interested members of the cottagers' associations at site for a tour and discussion of the proposed project on July 31, 2013.

### 8.3 PUBLIC RESPONSE

Comments from the Lac du Bonnet and Bird River public at the open houses were positive. Tetra Tech documented written and verbal comments and questions by attendees.

#### *Lac du Bonnet Residents*

- Good presentation.
- Project will bring benefits to the community.
- This is the best solution for the safety of employees.
- Plan as presented does indicate that right actions are being taken.
- Will the dewatering rate exceed capacity of Bernic Creek and wetlands?
- How will the bottom of the lake be prepared for construction?
- What affect will this have on wildlife?

#### *Cottagers*

- Concerns regarding degradation of water quality in the Bird River.
- What will be done to restore natural vegetation and wildlife?
- Will there be erosion of banks?
- Will water levels affect my dock?
- After project is approved there should be a method of communication with the Bird River Cottagers Association (i.e., water quality monitoring results).
- We appreciate greatly that you hold a meeting for Bird River residents.

#### *Manitoba Hydro*

- Safety concerns must be addressed.
- Environmental concerns are being assessed and we trust all parties will do the right thing.
- TANCO is very important to the community of Lac du Bonnet.
- Would like to see more information on long-term effects on wetlands.
- Dewatering project will not impact Manitoba Hydro projects downstream.

#### *Manitoba Conservation, Fisheries Branch*

- Concerns about nutrient loading in the Bird River, would like to see phosphorus modeling.

#### *Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association and Manitoba Model Forest*

- Will request that the organization invite Cabot to attend an information meeting.

*Manitoba Mining Association*

- Very thorough overview of proposed mitigation.
- TANCO is showing leadership and is being very transparent.

*Trappers Association*

- Good presentation and knowledgeable staff.
- The information provided was clear, concise and transparent.
- Public information in early stages is very much appreciated.
- TANCO is very important part of community.
- We would like to ensure that concerns of the registered trapline holder be addressed and mitigated prior to work proceeding.

*Councilor LGD Pinawa*

- This project will help the community and surrounding area.

## 8.4 FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Notification of the project was provided by TANCO to Sagkeeng First Nation, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Hollow Water First Nation and Black River First Nation by registered letter on July 12, 2013.

TANCO is aware of Sagkeeng First Nation's claim of unextinguished aboriginal title with the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench covering an extensive area from Fort Alexander east to the Ontario border. The TANCO Mine is located within that area which is considered to be traditional territory of Sagkeeng. Follow-up communications with Sagkeeng were undertaken to provide an opportunity for information sharing about TANCO's proposal and to learn about Sagkeeng's interests in the area.

A meeting was held with Sagkeeng First Nation's Consultation Coordinator on July 3, 2013 to make personal introductions and to present the project need and conceptual design. TANCO's facility general manager and geologist were in attendance along with the Manitoba Mines Branch Consultation Coordinator and Tetra Tech's Community Engagement Coordinator. A subsequent meeting was planned to be held at the mine site with Chief and Council invited to attend.

A meeting and facility tour was held at the TANCO mine on July 29, 2013. The Sagkeeng Consultation Coordinator attended along with four representatives of Mines Branch including the Mines Branch Consultation Coordinator. Chief and Council did not attend. Discussion included operation of the mine, environmental effects of regular

operations, plans for dewatering, associated effects, and scheduling and the future of the mine.

Concerns regarding lack of employment of Sagkeeng's members were raised. TANCO responded by stating the company currently advertises in a variety of newspapers across the region when there are openings but is open to other means of notifying Sagkeeng of opportunities when they become available. Sagkeeng's consultation coordinator suggested that TANCO provide a copy of any job advertisements to the human resources department at the Sagkeeng First Nation office.

TANCO advised Sagkeeng that they would be submitted the Notice of Alteration in the coming weeks and that the company would be happy to provide an open house within the community of Sagkeeng or arrange a meeting to review the submission.

## 8.5 MÉTIS ENGAGEMENT

Notification of the project was provided to the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) on July 12, 2013. No communications from MMF have been received to date.

## 8.6 REGULATORY INVOLVEMENT

During development of the concept for a mitigation and preparation of this project description to support the notice of alteration, TANCO has been in contact with several regulatory agencies to ensure those who may be involved in reviewing and approving the project were kept informed (Table 8.1). In addition to the meetings listed below, phone/email communications have been ongoing.

## 8.7 CONTINUING COMMUNICATION

TANCO intends to maintain communication with its contact list and other stakeholders through the regulatory review process to provide clear and concise information about the project as it develops. This transparency will continue through the operational phases of the undertaking. TANCO is committed to maintaining the long-term relationships it has developed with its neighbouring communities and organizations over the past 40 years.

Table 8.1 TANCO regulatory engagement record.

Date	Agency Participant(s)	Topic(s)
May 24, 2013	Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Environmental Approvals Branch	Crown Pillar Mitigation Concept and Permitting Requirements
May 24, 2013	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Crown Pillar Mitigation Concept and Permitting Requirements
June 17, 2013	Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch	Crown Pillar Mitigation Concept, Permitting Requirements, and Community Consultation
June 24, 2013	Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch	Community Engagement Planning
July 3, 2013	Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch	Meeting with Sagkeeng First Nation
July 12, 2013	Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch	Meeting with Minister and A/Deputy Minister at TANCO Mine
July 12, 2013	Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Environmental Approvals Branch, Integrated Resources Management Team, Parks Branch; Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation; Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines; Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Environment Canada	Notification of open house
July 23, 2013	Environment Canada	Planning for EEM Program and determination of changes due to lake dewatering.
July 29, 2013	Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, Mines Branch	Meeting with Sagkeeng and Facility Tour
August 8, 2013	Transport Canada, Navigable Waters Protection Program	Submission of Request for Work Approval for Temporary Dike and Dewatering under the Navigable Waters Protection Act
August 14, 2013	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Crown Pillar Mitigation Project overview