

Copper North Mining Corp. provides clarity regarding permitting of Carmacks Project

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VANCOUVER, April 26, 2012 - [Copper North Mining Corp.](#) ("Copper North" or the "Company") (TSX.V: COL) announces that the Carmacks Copper Project ("Carmacks") located in the Yukon, Canada, is assessable under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act ("YESAA") following the recently announced design changes to the plans for development and closure of the project.

Scope of Assessment

The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Board ("YESAB") will determine the scope of the assessment. Carmacks was fully assessed in 2008, which led to a positive decision and the issuance of a Quartz Mining Licence in 2009. The Company and YESAB are currently in discussion to determine how the unchanged and previously assessed aspects of the project can be utilized in the new assessment.

The design changes to the Heap Leach Facility ("HLF") which were announced in March (see news release dated March 1, 2012) are directed towards improving the operational management of the HLF and to ensure successful closure by implementing industry standard closure technology. There are no changes to any other previously assessed component of the Carmacks Copper Project.

Dr. Sally Eyre, President and Chief Executive Officer of Copper North stated "I am confident that the new assessment, which is now required as a result of the design changes, will be efficiently managed by YESAB. This next phase of the project assessment will enable us to demonstrate to all stakeholders our continued commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability". Dr. Eyre further stated, "the on-going collaboration with the Yukon regulators has provided a clear path forward as we continue to work diligently towards securing a Water Use Licence for the successful development of the Carmacks Copper Project".

Path Forward

The Company plans to prepare a proposal for submission to YESAB in Q3, 2012 and expects to submit plans for the Quartz Mining Licence amendment, revised Closure Plan, and a new Water Use Licence application immediately thereafter.

First Nations have been provided with the same technical information regarding the design changes to Carmacks that have been provided to the Yukon regulators and agencies.

About Copper North

[Copper North](#) is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company. Copper North's mineral resource assets include the Carmacks Copper Project located in the Yukon, and the high-grade, stratiform-copper Redstone Property, located in the Northwest Territories. Copper North trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol COL. Please visit www.coppernorthmining.com

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

"Sally L. Eyre"
Dr. Sally L. Eyre, President, CEO and Director

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