

# THE EXPLORATIONIST

*The Newsletter of the Ontario Prospectors Association*

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## WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH PLANS AND PERMITS!

The “Modernized Mining Act” was passed at Queens Park in 2009. The meat and potatoes of the Act are the Regulations that are being developed and will be implemented over a 4-5 year time period.

Interestingly there are sections of the regulations that seem trivial now compared to others! Take for example the Map Staking piece compared to the Plans and Permits. Map staking is an issue that has divided the exploration community into various corners for as long as I have swung an axe! But right now there are more people focused on the Plans and Permit issue then worried about Map Staking.

Plans and Permits is a new system that was first recommended from industry groups as a method of informing First Nations communities on what is happening on the Mining Lands in their traditional land base. The idea was that a Plan or Permit would be a simple application document that would be submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines who would make sure the appropriate community received the information.

This process was thought to represent a simple quick process to avoid conflicts and to start a dialogue with communities if there already wasn't one started.

The process was clouded when the Ministry officials started analyzing the timelines of completing a Permit system. It was determined that Permit applications, due to Provincial law, would require a posting of a minimum of 30 days on the Environmental Registry, prior to being issued. There are various estimates being put forth by the Ministry for the length of time it will take for a permit to be issued. The present estimate is anywhere from 36 to 55 days depending on the relationship the exponent (applicant) has with the traditional land user. The idea is that a permit will have a 3 year term and cover most intrusive mechanized exploration.

The critical date for Plans and Permits is the posting of the outline of the Regulations that will govern the process in late February on the Environmental Registry. PLEASE WATCH FOR THIS EVENT! This will be our last chance to influence the process!

### Member Comments:

I have been looking at the OPA site and the regional association sites for some indication that there is some kind of push back from the industry regarding the big issues that will reduce our ability to effectively explore in Ontario. Have not seen much evidence that the OPA is

spearheading any type of push back. Although there may be things going on in the meeting rooms I think it would be appropriate to start notifying the membership of what the meetings are and what is being discussed. I am as are many others who have junior exploration companies concerned with regards to what exactly the OPA is doing.

Could you be able to get some minutes of the meetings and who was in attendance and what was discussed on the website with regards to meeting with government about the changes to the permitting process which ties consultation to the permit? This will be devastating for the industry as we all can appreciate the huge time and expense in submitting detailed work permits and endless meetings in order to drill a couple holes or take samples.

"OPA predicts its future membership of 3,000 to have Province wide representation and to be an effective lobbying group on government, taxation, land access and environmental policies. We will be an information source for the media designed to foster exploration and development awareness and connect buyers and sellers of properties. "

So what kind of effective lobbying are we as an association doing?

Where does the OPA stand with respect to Solid Gold?

Currently there is a hodge podge of companies signing over a percentage of their exploration budgets to communities in exchange for continuing with their programs.

Other companies are giving cash for metres drilled; others refuse to pay extortion during the exploration phase but are willing to work towards IBA if and when a mine comes into production.

This is going to be jammed through by this government fairly quickly so seems that we need to get a united voice out there in support of the industry.

**Executive Directors Response:**

These are valid concerns. We as OPA (Directors and I) are fully engaged in a moving target. An Environmental Registry posting is supposed to occur Feb 21<sup>st</sup> describing the plans and permits concept. We are trying to get MNDM to setup some info sessions after that for explorers in the province. We are pushing for a session at PDAC but know this isn't best location. Other sessions are being planned across the regions.

Until the posting we will not know exactly where the Ministry has landed for plans and permits.

Lobbying wise we have been accessing the higher ends of the Ministry with our concerns with Plans and Permits (timing of issuance, how rapidly the Ministry is moving forward and what is the FN uptake on the process), questioning the identification of the FN traditional lands and down loading of consultation onto industry. We have had some success with extending the plans and permit implementation to June and have been stonewalled on the traditional land identification.

On the Solid Gold case the OPA is watching the issue trying to determine what is appropriate. Bill MacRae is the consultant for them and also an OPA board member. Hopefully once they have their Feb appeal hearing we can formulate a plan.

We have been questioning and pushing for some sort of standards on exploration deals but have had hard times getting industry to agree to some standards. We have also been monitoring the way the Securities commission are requesting disclosure and think that may be the solution. Have you had pressure of disclosure from securities commission?

## **2012: What will it be?**

The end of 2011 saw a softening of metal prices but we are still in uncharted waters compared to 10 years ago. The Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA) had reporters calling asking what was the explorers' reaction on the drop of gold from its peak to \$1600 an ounce. Our response was that 10 years ago gold was \$300 and at these prices even with the rise in labour, electricity and fuel rates there is still profit to be had.

We have seen a blossoming of the exploration and development projects across the entire province. Recent green lights on projects like Detour Gold and Victoria have highlighted the mining potential of the province again. The continued exploration of so many projects has pushed the available labour markets and continues to draw new bodies into the industry.

Where we go from here seems to be unknown but most analysts are predicting a continued heated metal price and that means continued exploration. Monitoring the financings completed at the end of 2011 it was evident that the investors had tightened their purse strings and had become selective in the companies they placed cash into. There were a large amount of small financings (<\$500K) and some that didn't close. In contrast there were a fair amount of financings in more proven projects of the >\$5 million level. Hopefully some of the smaller financings will start occurring again in 2012 allowing the more grassroots projects to be moved forward. The biggest deterrent at this time seems to be the sub \$0.10 stock price. Explorers don't want to finance at that level as it highly dilutes the stock and investors get worried that the holders of cheap paper will sell on only a modest increase in share value.

Overall forecasts for 2012 are positive and optimistic for metal prices, this should equate into another good exploration season.

The OPA wishes to remind everyone of the April Symposia. The Northwestern Mines and Minerals Symposium is April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay. The Northeastern Mines and Minerals Symposium is being held April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Northern College, Kirkland Lake. Associated workshops and dinners occur with the events. To get additional information please visit the OPA website ([www.ontarioprospectors.com](http://www.ontarioprospectors.com)).

## **ABORIGINAL RELATIONS: Quadra FNX, First Nation sign agreement covering Victoria project**

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ONTARIO - Vancouver-based **Quadra FNX** and the **Sagamok Anishnawbeck First Nation** have signed a memorandum of understanding with regard to the Victoria nickel-copper project near Sudbury. The agreement forms part of the environmental permitting process for the project.

The MOU becomes the foundation for the two sides to conduct open and timely discussions concerning the project, that is at the advanced exploration stage.

The Victoria deposit may contain as much as 3.4 billion lb of copper equivalent. The scoping study conducted in 2010 outlined a base case development scenario of sinking the production and ventilation shafts concurrently. The deposit could be mined at a rate of between 2,500 and 4,000 t/d while allowing underground exploration to continue from the ventilation raise. Capital costs have been estimated at \$750 million.

More information about the Victoria project as well as Quadra FNX's other projects is available at [QuadraFNX.com](http://QuadraFNX.com).

## **TRAINING: Trevali and First Nations launch core mining program in New Brunswick**

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NEW BRUNSWICK - **Trevali Mining** of Vancouver has thrown its support behind the recently launched First Nations Underground Core Mining Training Program, the first of its kind in the province, offered by the **New Brunswick Community College** in Miramichi. The program is a partnership between the Aboriginal Workforce Development Initiative, the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, and Trevali.

Twelve people from Elsipogtog, Pabineau, Eel Ground, Esgenoopetitj, Eel River Bar and Metepenagiag were selected and are taking part in the initial 11-week training-to-employment initiative for Trevali's new Halfmile zinc-lead mine in the Bathurst Mining Camp. Upon successful graduation candidates will be teamed with experienced miners for on the job training in all aspects of underground mining operations after which they will receive a certificate, thereby creating a new generation of skilled First Nation tradespeople to help serve a growing resource industry.

Learn more about and see the photo gallery of the Halfmile mine at [Trevali.com](http://Trevali.com).

## **Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Announces 2012 Capital Expenditure Plan**

Company Also Provides Preliminary Capital Estimates for Chromite Project Based on Ongoing Prefeasibility Study

CLEVELAND, Jan. 19, 2012/PRNewswire/ -- Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (**NYSE: CLF**) (**Paris: CLF**) today announced projected full-year 2012 capital expenditures expectations. Cliffs plans to invest approximately \$1 billion, comprised of approximately \$300 million of sustaining capital and \$700 million of growth and productivity-improvement capital. Cliffs' 2012 capital budget represents an expected 12% increase over the Company's 2011 capital expenditures of approximately \$880 million. Cliffs indicated this amount was less than its previous estimate of \$900 million and an original 2011 budget of \$1 billion.

While plans will continue to be reviewed and adjusted in response to changes in market conditions and other factors, Cliffs' 2012 capital budget is primarily intended to fund the organic growth pipeline the Company has acquired through the completion of a number of strategic transactions in recent years. These transactions have meaningfully diversified Cliffs' business and provided the Company significant exposure to customers outside of its historical North American steelmaking customer base.

In addition to the anticipated \$300 million of 2012 sustaining capital, listed below are the significant growth and productivity projects earmarked within each of Cliffs' business segments.

### **U.S. Iron Ore**

In its U.S. Iron Ore business segment, Cliffs anticipates spending \$60 million in 2012 related to its previously disclosed project to extend the life of Empire Mine to 2015. This project is expected to allow Empire to continue producing at a rate of approximately 3 million tons of iron ore annually through its remaining mine life.

### **Eastern Canadian Iron Ore**

In its Eastern Canadian Iron Ore business segment, Cliffs anticipates spending the following amounts related to growth of its operations:

- \$470 million related to Bloom Lake's Phase II expansion to 16 million tons
- \$45 million related to port and rail upgrades in Eastern Canada

### **Asia Pacific Iron Ore**

In its Asia Pacific Iron Ore business segment, Cliffs anticipates capital spending of approximately \$40 million related to the ongoing capacity expansion of the Koolyanobbing Complex in Western Australia to 11 million tons.

### **North American Coal**

In its North American Coal business segment, Cliffs anticipates capital spending of approximately \$50 million related to growing high-volatile metallurgical coal production capacity from its continuous mining operations in West Virginia.

### **Preliminary Capital Estimates for Cliffs Chromite Project in Northern Ontario**

As previously disclosed, Cliffs controls three large chromite deposits in Northern Ontario, Canada. With a timeline to begin production in 2015 from its wholly owned Black Thor deposit, Cliffs is currently in the prefeasibility study phase of the project. As part of prefeasibility, the Company continues to evaluate many factors, scenarios and strategic alternatives that may ultimately impact future investment and timing of the project.

At the time of Cliffs' initial investment in chromite assets in 2009, the Company predicated preliminary comments for capital requirements on a baseline expectation of a project annually producing approximately 600,000 tons of ferrochrome. Subsequently, and after significant additional prefeasibility work, Cliffs now anticipates an expanded project annually producing 1 million tons of export chromite ore concentrate in addition to the original 600,000 tons of ferrochrome.

Preliminary capital estimates for the project, based on prefeasibility work completed to date, include the following major engineering components:

- Mine development — Approximately \$150 million
- Near-mine Concentrating Plant — Approximately \$800 million
- Ferrochrome Processing Facility — Approximately \$1.8 billion

Cliffs also estimates that an integrated transportation system, including an all-weather road servicing the project, would require further investment totaling approximately \$600 million, which was not included in Cliffs' initial investment estimate. However, because this transportation system is provincial infrastructure required for the general use of remote northern communities and other Ring of Fire mining projects, Cliffs anticipates its commitment to invest in the all-weather road would be partial, with the balance to be contributed by other industry participants and government entities.

Cliffs indicated that, although it believes the chromite deposits it controls are world-class, a number of additional studies, including feasibility, and other project milestones need to be achieved before the Company begins allocating a significant portion of capital to the project's construction. Based on the completion of these, Cliffs anticipates a majority of the project's anticipated capital requirements would be made in 2014 and 2015, with an early works program initiated prior to 2014 to maintain project execution timeline. More information about the project will be provided upon completion of the prefeasibility study in the first half of 2012.

### **About Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. is an international mining and natural resources company. A member of the S&P 500 Index, the Company is a major global iron ore producer and a significant producer of high- and low-volatile metallurgical coal. Cliffs' strategy is to continually achieve greater scale and diversification in the mining industry through a focus on serving the world's largest and fastest growing steel markets. Driven by the core values of social, environmental and capital stewardship, Cliffs associates across the globe endeavor to provide all stakeholders operating and financial transparency.

The Company is organized through a global commercial group responsible for sales and delivery of Cliffs products and a global operations group responsible for the production of the minerals the Company markets. Cliffs operates iron ore and coal mines in North America and two iron ore mining complexes in Western Australia. The Company also has a 45% economic

interest in a coking and thermal coal mine in Queensland, Australia. In addition, Cliffs has a major chromite project, in the pre-feasibility stage of development, located in Ontario, Canada.

News releases and other information on the Company are available on the Internet at: <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com>

SOURCE Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

### **COMMENTS FROM MNDM ON MINING LANDS BACKLOGS**

Roy Denomme asked me a couple of weeks ago to forward you some stats re the backlog in PRO. Sorry for the delay...

Most of the significant backlog over the past months was attributable to MAM pressures and the summer vacation schedule. Also important to consider was the fact that we continue to experience historically high activity in the Industry, with associated high levels of submissions to the Provincial Recording office. You may have noticed an improvement in processing times since the late summer/fall.

I have attached some highlights for your information. The stats are from the compilation date of December 23rd as the Christmas period and associated time off (vacations and stats) skews the numbers somewhat. I will have new stats shortly that I can share if desired.

#### **Applications to Record**

put on map: 1-2 weeks behind

data entered: 3-4 weeks behind

verification: 3-4 weeks behind

**Transfers:** no backlog

#### **Assessment Work**

Work Reports - to be reviewed and entered: <1 week behind

Distributions - to be reviewed and entered: 1-2 weeks behind

Work Reports / Distributions waiting for corrections: 3-4 weeks behind

Contiguity Checks: 2 weeks behind

Remember that there will be "problem" files that will have duration in the system longer than that quoted above.

Also remember that these "stats" will fluctuate and that as we move forward with implementation of MAM and associated staff and resource pressures, these processing times may lengthen. However be assured that we are cognizant of the need for reasonable processing times and I will do as much as possible to ensure that they are achieved.

We can discuss if you want give me a call at the office.

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**COURT RULING IN APGO CASE**

Hi Garry

I think you will be very interested to read this judgement. Please pass this along to everyone in the OPA.

In a landmark decision, the Divisional Court of the Superior Court of Justice has ruled that the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) does not have the authority to specify the components of an applicant's university degree and that they have no power to accredit programs or prescribe curricula. The appellant in the case, employed as a geologist in north-western Ontario, had seen their application for membership denied when the Registration Committee of the APGO imposed further educational requirements on top of their existing degree. The Justices of the Divisional Court, however, ruled that the Act and Regulations only required an applicant to have a four year degree in an area of geoscience and that the APGO had no authority beyond determining that fact. They noted that it was up to Canadian universities to specify the particular components of a degree.

In reference to an appeal to the Special Committee of the APGO against the original decision to deny membership, in which the decision of the Registration Committee of the APGO was upheld, the Justices found that the decision of the Special Committee failed all tests of reasonableness. They determined further that the decision lacked justification, and did not fall within the range of possible, acceptable outcomes which are defensible, given the legislative framework.

Laffin v. Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, 2011 ONSC 6927

Court File No. 316/11

Thanks

**Neil Pettigrew, M.Sc. P.Ge**

**OPA AWARDS**

The award is known as the Ontario Prospectors Award. It is awarded to someone who has advanced or assisted in moving the prospecting community forward. The award was originally designed to be awarded to anyone from throughout the industry. In specific regard to Mike Leahy it is for his longtime service on the political issues and also for his longtime successful



prospecting. Dave Bielhartz was awarded for his longtime exploration and success in both discoveries and geological interpretation to get the discoveries. He leads the exploration team at Trelawney, they were recognized also.

## **REPORT: Canadian mining resumes growth**

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OTTAWA - The **Mining Association of Canada** (MAC) has published the latest report looking at the value of the mineral industry to Canada, *Facts & Figures 2011*. Chief among its findings is that the Canadian mining industry has not only recovered from the 2008 economic crisis but is poised for significant and sustained growth.

Here are some highlights of the report:

The mining sector contributed \$36 billion to the national gross domestic product in 2010.

- The sector employed 308,000 people including those at mines and mills, in smelting, fabrication and manufacturing.
- Engineering, geotechnical, environmental, financial and other services were supplied by 3,215 companies.
- Mining companies and their employees pay over \$5.3 billion in total taxes to all levels of government. Roughly 60% of the total is collected by the provinces.

MAC estimates that Canadian miners have plans to invest \$139 billion in new projects across the nation over the next decade. To reach that goal, the industry must have access to an efficient regulatory process, sufficient human resources, and improved infrastructure. The co-operation of federal, provincial and territorial governments will be necessary to cut red tape, train and hire 100,000 qualified people, and build roads and electrical grids to the locations deposits are found.

No matter what part of the mining industry a reader wishes to examine - employment, production, productivity, R&D, environment - this publication touches on it.

Download a free PDF copy of *Mining Facts & Figures 2011* at [Mining.ca](http://Mining.ca).

## **SOLID GOLD - WAHGOSHIG FIRST NATION – MNDM**

### **Court halts drilling**

Wahgoshig wins injunction against Solid Gold

**By Ron Grech, The Daily Press**

Wahgoshig First Nation has won an injunction to halt mining exploration in an area it claims as sacred ground.

In a decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice delivered Tuesday, Solid Gold Resource Corporation is ordered to stop drilling on its claims block near Wahgoshig for 120 days.

The court ordered that Solid Gold and Wahgoshig must enter into a process of "meaningful consultation and accommodation" during this injunction period. If a resolution is not reached, Wahgoshig can seek an extension of the injunction at that time.

Darryl Stretch, president of Solid Gold, said it was a "very bad day for mineral and mining exploration in Canada."

He told The Daily Press his company had gone through the proper channels with the provincial government only to be "blindsided" by unresolved treaty claims.

"I have to tell you, I have a lot of animosity towards the Crown (province) right at this moment," Stretch said. "I spent \$5 million of shareholders' money and invested it in that area because the Crown invited us to do that — in fact, encouraged us to do that. And at the time we began that process in 2007, knowing we were going to have a good gold mining market and it was going to be a good time to explore, it was one of the best places on the planet to explore because the Mining Act allows us to go in there, do what was necessary and still take care of the environment, the Cemeteries Act and all the other things explorers have to do in the 21st century. We did all of those things, and we get blindsided by First Nations.

"All they have to do anymore is say, 'Oh, that's sacred ground over there. We don't know where the bodies are but it's up to you guys to go find them for us. And until you've done that, it's all sacred ground. And you can't do anything there until you get our permission."

Stretch said he would have expected Wahgoshig's treaty claims to have been resolved long before the government opened the area for exploration and mineral staking.

"I think it's virtually impossible to do exploration now unless you pay the First Nations."

The decision, he added, will make other junior exploration companies wary of investing in Canada.

Stretch said there were "about 25 people working on this project and believe me when I tell you, they are all out of work."

While admitting to his frustration by the court's decision, Stretch said, "We're obviously interested in looking for that resolution. Somehow, the parties have to heal. I always thought it was for government to do those kinds of things, to make things comfortable. But I guess in this case, it was easier to throw Solid Gold under the bus than it was to negotiate something with the First Nations that everyone could live with."

The Daily Press made efforts to speak with Wahgoshig Chief Dave Babin but was unable to reach him.

## **Another Bad Day for Mining in Canada**

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - Feb. 13, 2012) - Solid Gold Resources Corp. ("Solid Gold") (TSX VENTURE:SLD.V - [News](#)) reports that The Wahgoshig First Nation has issued a claim against Her Majesty The Queen In Right of Ontario and Solid Gold Resources Corp.

Among other things, the claim states that "the mining act does not establish any requirement on the Crown or the holder of a prospectors licence to consult or accommodate aboriginal communities" therefore the act "is unconstitutional and of no force and effect".

The claim is for damages for breach of "aboriginal or treaty rights under Section s. 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982" and seeks a permanent injunction stopping Solid Gold from exploring its Crown granted claims "without the express written consent of Wahgoshig First Nations."

"This is an important matter and could have a significant impact on Canada's near term economy", stated Darryl Stretch, President of Solid Gold.

Solid Gold is appealing to Canadians and Industry across the country for support in mounting an effective defence against these claims.

Solid Gold continues to engage with Ontario and Wahgoshig First Nation in an effort to bring a swift resolution to this difficult matter while protecting the shareholders right to develop the high grade gold discovery known as SG 09 and other promising targets on Solid Gold's claims at Lake Abitibi.

Business of Solid Gold Resources Corp.

Solid Gold is a junior mining exploration and development company, which controls a +/-200-square-kilometer prospect hosting potential for discovery of economic mineralization at Lake Abitibi near the Porcupine Fault zone in Northern Ontario.

Neither TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

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Solid Gold Resources Corp.

# 2012 NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINES & MINERALS SYMPOSIUM

“>25 Million Ounces Au”

April 3 & 4, 2012

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

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|---|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Symposium Registration*<br><b>On or before March 20</b>   | @ | \$150.00                        |  |
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| Student Registration*   | @ | \$55.00                         |  |
| <b>NWOPA Awards Dinner</b><br>Tuesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 p.m.  | @ | \$45.00                         |  |
| Workshop<br><b>“WATER CROSSINGS”</b><br>Thursday, April 5 <sup>th</sup><br><b>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</b><br>Viking Room, Valhalla Inn<br><b>Limit of 50 participants</b> | @ | \$15.00                         |  |
| *Registration includes 2012 OPA/Regional membership, Refreshments breaks and lunches Tuesday & Wednesday  |   | <b>TOTAL<br/>(Includes HST)</b> |  |

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**Fax a copy of this application to the OPA at 807-622-4156 to ensure your registration.**

**A confirmation will be sent to you either by email or fax, once payment has been received.**

I wish to be affiliated with the following Regional Prospectors Association\* \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFTER THIS DATE REGISTRATION WILL BE PROCESSED ONSITE ONLY**

**Register before March 20<sup>th</sup> and have a chance to win the Pre-Registration Prize!**

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Full refunds for cancellations received in writing by mail/fax/email are subject to an administrative fee of \$100.00.

No refunds will be issued after March 23, 2012.

No refunds for cancellations received within 10 business days of the event but delegate substitution is permitted.

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**" >25 Million Ounces Au"**

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario

April 3 & 4, 2012

**SUPPORT LEVEL SCHEDULE**

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| GOLD      | \$401-\$500 | \$ _____ |
| PLATINUM  | \$501-\$699 | \$ _____ |
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**SUPPORT BENEFITS INCLUDE:** Signage at the Event, PowerPoint Presentation in the Talks, Recognition in the Program and on the OPA and NWOPA websites and may include items for Delegate Bags.

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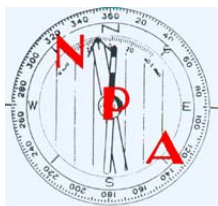
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***Deadline for Supporters is March 23, 2012***

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# Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium

## “ABITIBI GOLD 2012”

April 17, 18, 19, 2012

Northern College  
Kirkland Lake, Ontario



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| Symposium Registration   | @ | \$50.00 |  |
| One day Registration   | @ | \$30.00 |  |
| 2012 Membership for OPA and Regional Association   | @ | \$60.00 |  |
| Luncheon<br><b>Tuesday, April 17</b>   | @ | \$15.00 |  |
| Dinner, 6:00 p.m.<br><b>Tuesday, April 17</b>  | @ | \$50.00 |  |
| Luncheon<br><b>Wednesday, April 18</b>   | @ | \$15.00 |  |
| Pre-Symposium Workshop<br>43-101 Update<br>Tuesday, April 17<br>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon<br>APGO MEMBER | @ | \$60.00 |  |
| NON APGO MEMBER  | @ | \$85.00 |  |
| Workshop – 3D Modeling<br>Thursday, April 19<br>9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.<br><b>(lunch included)</b>      | @ | \$40.00 |  |
| <b>TOTAL (Includes HST)</b>  |   |         |  |

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**Fax a copy of this application to the OPA at 807-622-4156 to ensure your registration.**

A **confirmation** will be sent to you either by email or fax, **once payment has been received.**

I wish to be affiliated with the host, Northern Prospectors Association or the following Regional Prospectors Association\* \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to be affiliated with more than one association please contact OPA for price

BOREAL PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

NORTHERN PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (NPA)

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (NWOPA)

PORCUPINE PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (PPDA)

SAULT & DISTRICT PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SDPA)

SOUTHERN ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SOPA)

SUDBURY PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (SPDA)

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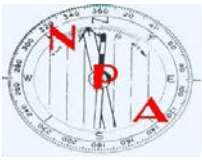
**REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 6**  
**AFTER THIS DATE REGISTRATION WILL BE PROCESSED ONSITE ONLY**

**Cancellation Policy:**

Full refunds for cancellations received in writing by mail/fax/email are subject to an administrative fee of \$100.00.

No refunds will be issued after April 2, 2012.

No refunds for cancellations received within 10 business days of the event but delegate substitution is permitted.



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**EXHIBITOR APPLICATION FORM**

- **PROSPECTOR DISPLAY (\$60.00)**  8 foot table space with Velcro friendly backboard and Table Symposium Registration is Additional
- **POSTER DISPLAY (\$200.00)**  8 foot table space with Velcro friendly backboard and Table Symposium Registration is Additional
- **EXHIBITOR DISPLAY (\$500.00)**  Space for your own free standing unit, Table if requested. Symposium Registration is Additional

HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS AVAILABLE

**SET UP: Tuesday, April 17 9:00 a.m.**  
**TEAR DOWN: Wednesday, April 18 after 4:00 p.m.**

NAME/TITLE OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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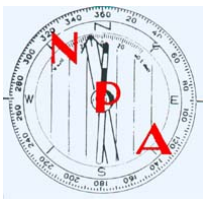
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 c/o Susan Warren  
 1000 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5

For more information please call 807.622.3284 (866.259.3727), fax 807.622.4156, Email [oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com](mailto:oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com)  
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# Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium

## “ABITIBI GOLD 2012”

Northern College, Kirkland Lake

April 17, 18, 19, 2012



### SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Support basic benefits include: Your name on the Symposium page of the NPA website, listing as a Supporter in the Symposium Program and listing on the Support Poster Board at the event.

Luncheons, Coffee Break and Evening Reception supporter(s), in addition to basic benefits, will have banner recognition at each event and verbal recognition during opening and closing remarks of event.

Audio Visual, Session and Hall supporters will, in addition to the basic benefits, will be given verbal recognition during opening remarks of the sessions.

Delegate Bag supporters will, in addition to the basic benefits, have their name or corporate logo stenciled onto the bags given to each delegate.

**Deadline for this is March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Please make your support donation payable to “Northern Prospectors Association” (NPA). Your support request should be forwarded to Susan Warren, Special Projects Administrator, Ontario Prospectors Association, 1000 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5. If you have any questions or need further details please contact Susan Warren or Garry Clark at 866.259.3727, via email at [oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com](mailto:oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com) or fax 807.622.4156

| Type of Support                                     | Amount             | Support Amount |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Symposium Support                                   | \$50.00 - \$249.00 |                |
| Audio Visual  | \$250.00           |                |
| Session Support                                     | \$250.00           |                |
| Hall Support  | \$500.00           |                |
| Coffee Break  | \$200.00           |                |
| Short Course Support                                | \$400.00           |                |
| Dinner  | \$1,000.00         |                |
| Luncheon Support (Tuesday & Wednesday)              | \$500.00           |                |
| Delegate Bags <b>DEADLINE March 30<sup>th</sup></b> | \$500.00           |                |

**When forwarding your support we ask that you send us your logo in jpg format to [oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com](mailto:oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com)**

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