

NOTICE



CLAIM STAKING REGULATION

The following amendments to the Claim Staking Regulation are effective immediately:

- Subsection 5(17) is added, making it clear that, where the size of a lot varies in a subdivided township, aliquot parts are to be staked (i.e. quarters or halves), and thus the number of hectares in a claim unit may vary in area from one lot to the next.
- Subsection 8(1) is revoked, and therefore it is no longer a requirement to stake a claim as a continuous action. If there is competition for the ground, the first claim completed has priority.
- Subsection 21 is revoked, as it is redundant. That subsection related to any claims under staking at the time the new Mining Act was proclaimed on June 3, 1991.

The following amendment is effective as of August 8, 2006:

- An amendment to subsection 9(1) requires the individual who signs the application to record to be present somewhere on each of the mining claims as they are being staked.



ASSESSMENT WORK REGULATION

CLAIM HOLDERS AND THEIR AGENTS – CAN NOW FILE ASSESSMENT WORK VIA THE INTERNET AND ON COMPACT DISK

As part of Mining Lands' ongoing commitment to provide enhanced client services, stakeholders who wish to file their assessment work may do so electronically as of **August 08, 2006**. The Electronic Assessment System (EAS) found at www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default_e.asp provides the opportunity to file your assessment work in an electronic format on the Internet. A detailed on-line help section in the EAS site will be available to answer your questions regarding the EAS application. The EAS internet application allows the filing of technical maps/reports as well as the Report of Work and the Statement of Cost forms.

Similarly, as of **August 08, 2006**, stakeholders have the option of filing their assessment work on compact disk (CD). The guidelines for filing assessment work on CD can be found at www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default_e.asp. **If filing via CD, the Report of Work form, in paper format, must accompany the filed CD.**

Please note, any assessment work filed on the anniversary date through EAS or on a CD must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the anniversary date.

Should a Prospector's Association make a request, Mining Lands staff of the MNDM will provide group training sessions.

Any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Geoscience Assessment Office at 1-888-415 9845.



FORMS REGULATION

New forms will be made available on **August 8, 2006** at the Provincial Recording Office, Mining Lands Consultant's Offices and Government Information Centres/ Service Ontario, and can be found on the Mining Lands website:

http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/default_e.asp.

The assessment work forms were amended to accommodate electronic filing. The application to record form was amended to include a new statement certifying that the recording licensee was present on each claim as it was being staked. Other minor amendments to the forms were made for convenience, such as:

- a notice on the application to record for change of address
- required information to be filled in on the transfer form
- statement about the percent interest being transferred on the transfer form
- instruction on notice of re-staking to file a new application to record (although a fee is required for the notice of re-staking, no fee will be payable for the new application to record).



SECTION 52(1) of the MINING ACT.

New Regulation to Establish Prescribed Conditions for Testing Mineral Content (Bulk Sampling) under Section 52(1) of the *Mining Act*.

Section 52(1) states:

“The Minister may give written permission, subject to such conditions as are prescribed, to mine, mill and refine mineral bearing substance from an unpatented mining claim for the purpose of testing content. “

This new regulation, O. Reg. 192/06 Permission to Test Mineral Content, (effective on August 8, 2006) establishes these prescribed conditions. One of the conditions would require a minimum financial assurance payment to require the applicant to submit a final report and clean up the site after the testing.

The regulation may be viewed on this web page, (http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Source/Regs/English/2006/R06192_e.htm).