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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RELEASES FINAL SCREENING REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSED CARMACKS COPPER MINING
PROJECT**

WHITEHORSE – The Executive Committee of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board have released the Final Screening Report for the proposed Carmacks Copper Project. The report has been forward to the Decision Bodies and is available to the public on the YESAB Online Registry.

The report assesses the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed open pit mine located approximately 38 km northwest of Carmacks.

The report considers a wide range of potential impacts and addresses issues raised by First Nation governments, Yukon Government, nonprofit organizations, the public and local experts.

“We’ve spent a lot of time on this assessment” says Stephen Mills, Executive Committee Member of YESAB, “closure and reclamation issues had to be reviewed in great detail; we had to be sure that the detoxification plan would prevent any toxic effluent from leaking into the Yukon River system”.

Other areas of focus in the Final Screening Report included the impacts of local traffic from the mine, water quality, heritage resources, community dynamics and fish habitat. “Maintaining the health and well being of Salmon and their habitat is always imperative” notes Mills, “Yukoners made it very clear that the water of the Yukon River and Salmon stocks are highly valued”.

“The report is comprehensive and thorough”, says Mills, “numerous potentially significant adverse effects were identified during the screening and the terms and conditions recommended within the Final Screening Report will mitigate or eliminate those effects”.

The Final Screening Report now goes to the identified Decision Bodies, Yukon Government and Natural Resources Canada, where the final decision on the proposed Carmacks Copper Project will be made.

For more information about the Proposed Carmacks Copper Project visit our website at www.yesab.ca/registry and search project number 2006-0050.

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