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YESAB Open for Business

The *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) was fully implemented yesterday and the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board* (YESAB) has opened its doors for business.

YESAB has six Designated Offices throughout the Yukon and one main office in Whitehorse. Dale Eftoda, who chairs the Board, says "We are excited to begin doing assessments and are ready to deliver an impartial, effective and efficient assessment regime in the Yukon."

The Yukon's new assessment process incorporates a number of progressive concepts. Besides increased consideration of socio-economic factors in assessments the process also guarantees First Nations the opportunity to participate and allows for a high level of transparency through the use of a public online registry.

Chair Dale Eftoda explains, "For the first time in the Yukon proponents, regulators and the public can now enter the YESAB Online Registry through www.yesab.ca, view all documents related to assessments and make comments on the activities".

With the combination of the YESAB Online Registry, the YESAB website, a toll-free phone number and the various office locations within Yukon communities YESAB will administer one of the most accessible and transparent assessment processes in the country.

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