

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Kootenay West Mine

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

CertainTeed Gypsum Canada Inc. (CertainTeed) is proposing to develop the Kootenay West Mine (proposed Project) which would be located 12 km northeast of the Village of Canal Flats. The proposed Project would mine the gypsum deposit at a rate of 400,000 t/year and the expected lifespan of the mine is 43 years.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

CertainTeed has now submitted its application (Application) to obtain an environmental assessment certificate which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project.

To provide information to the public about the Application, and to receive comments from the public, Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) invites the public to attend an **Open House** to be held:

at: Canal Flats Civic Centre
8911 Dunn St. Canal Flats, BC
on: Thursday, April 6, 2017
from: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the Application. The comment period will begin on **March 31, 2017** and end on **May 1, 2017**. All comments received during this comment period will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are

identified for consideration as part of the assessment process.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

By Online Form at
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>

By Mail:
Terry Pratt
Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9V1

By Fax:
Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Application and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application are also available for viewing at these locations:

Canal Flats Village Office
8866 Grainger Rd.
Canal Flats BC V0B 1B0

and

District of Invermere Office
914 8th Ave.
Invermere BC V0A 1K0

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to EAO website.

