



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



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### **SRC and AECOM to move forward with Traditional Knowledge and Socio-Economic Studies**

(Saskatoon) - The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) and AECOM have retained the services of the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) to conduct the Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) program for the Gunnar Mine Rehabilitation Project as well as the Lorado Rehabilitation Project. They will be collecting TK and TLU information for the Gunnar and Lorado sites and surrounding areas. The TK and TLU program will form an important part of the Environmental Assessments of these rehabilitation projects.

The purpose of the program is to document the TK, TLU and vision of the Athabasca Denesuline, Métis and local non-Aboriginal residents, as it relates to the Gunnar mine site and Lorado mill site and the rehabilitation of those sites. The program is intended to assist in guiding the development of the rehabilitation plans, by considering the visions and current use of the area by Aboriginal, Métis and local non-Aboriginal residents.

To initiate the program, the PAGC will be holding community meetings to explain the projects and to confirm the TK and TLU approach and methods. The core of the program consists of conducting interviews and writing a report on PAGC's findings.

Albert & Associates will be responsible for reviewing the TK and TLU material and integrating the information into the Environmental Assessment for the Gunnar Project.

The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment program for the Gunnar Mine Rehabilitation Project is also commencing. This program involves determining the positive and adverse effects of the rehabilitation project on people and their community's well-being. To complete the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment, AECOM will be speaking with community members about the project to find out how their personal and community well-being might be affected. An AECOM representative will coordinate with the Athabasca leadership and PAGC to seek advice on who should be interviewed in their communities; once determined, AECOM will be contacting members of each community for interviews and will be completing these interviews via telephone.

Additional information about Project CLEANS is available at: [www.saskcleans.ca](http://www.saskcleans.ca).

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