## **Environmental Assessment Certificate Application Review of the Proposed Giscome Quarry and Lime Plant Project**

## **Open House and Invitation to Comment**

Graymont Western Canada Inc. (Graymont) is proposing to construct and operate a lime quarry and processing plant, referred to as the Giscome Quarry and Lime Plant Project (Project). The extraction capacity of the Project at full buildout will be as much as 1.7 million tonnes per year with a quarry life of more than 40 years. The Project is located in the area of Giscome, BC in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, approximately 27km east-northeast of Prince George.

Graymont must obtain an environmental assessment certificate (Certificate) before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. Graymont has submitted the application for a Certificate (Application) to the Environmental Assessment Office. EAO has determined that the Application contains the required information and accepted it for detailed review.

The review of the Application will occur over a 180-day period, starting November 23, 2015. During the review, EAO will prepare an assessment report on the Project and recommendations to Ministers on whether a Certificate should be issued.

EAO seeks public comments on the Application to ensure that information and concerns from the public regarding the effects of the Project are identified and responded to during the review stage, and taken into consideration for the Ministers' final decision to issue the Certificate.

The 45-day comment period will begin on December 1, 2015 and end on January 15, 2016. EAO will consider all comments related to the Application received during this period.

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 during the comment period:

- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (155 George St.), Prince George, BC
- Prince George Public Library (888 Canada Games Way), Prince George, BC
- Willow River General Store (488 Railway), Willow River, BC

## EAO accepts public comments through the following means:

- By online form: http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca
- By mail:

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• By fax: 250-387-2208

**EAO** invites the public to attend an Open House about the environmental assessment process, and the purpose and content of the Application. The Open House will be held:

at: Ramada Plaza - Skylight Ballroom 444 George Street Prince George, B.C.

on: **December 10, 2015** from: **4 pm until 8 pm** 

EAO, Graymont and Graymont's environmental assessment consultants will be present to provide information and respond to questions about the Application at the Open House.

This will be the final public comment period on the environmental assessment for the Project. There will be an additional public comment period held for the provincial permits associated with the Project.

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