**YESAA Oversight Group - Questions and answers**

**Who is the YESAA Oversight Group**

* The YESAA Oversight Group was established in July 2018 as a direct result of the YESAA Reset MOU.
* Members of the Oversight Group are:
	+ Dionne Savill (Government of Canada)
	+ Emmie Fairclough (Yukon First Nations)
	+ Daryn Leas (Yukon First Nations)
	+ Jasmina Randhawa (Government of Yukon)

**Why has the Oversight Group taken so long to get to this point?**

* The Oversight Group was established so that we can get valuable and accurate input from the Parties and improve the development assessment process in Yukon. It was important to make sure we took the time to establish the Group respectfully and properly.
* Establishing the Oversight Group and its priorities required many meetings and discussions with stakeholders in order to define its priorities.
* The Oversight Group has provided updates to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB), and representative from the minerals industry. Their valuable feedback has been incorporated into the work and plans of the Oversight Group.
* Now that we have established our terms of reference and priorities, we can start working together to make progress on the priorities.

**What are the Oversight Group’s priorities?**

* The priorities fit under three categories:
	+ Restarting the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) Forum.
	+ Consultation.
	+ Policy and procedural aspects.
* Within the three categories there are 15 sub-priorities.
* The Oversight Group will review approaches and analysis on the priorities as the information is made available.

**Has the Oversight Group collaborated with stakeholders?**

* So far, we have been building governance structures and identifying priorities.
* Input from all Oversight Group members, YESAB and minerals industry groups was incorporated and carried forward as part of these activities.
* We are now very close to being able to bring this back to the technical level and have discussions on issues that matter to stakeholders affected by YESAA.
* Industry and other stakeholders will be invited to discussions at the YESAA Forum, and other collaboration as policy approaches are crafted.

**Is more information available about the Oversight Group?**

* Oversight Group are posted on a publicly available website. *[Note: Add website URL when available]*

**How can stakeholders provide input into priorities and goals?**

* There will be opportunities for input from industry and stakeholders outside the Oversight Group membership through the YESAA Forum and topic-specific working groups.

**Will there be meetings with interested stakeholders?**

* Stakeholders have been updated and the Oversight Group has offered to host meetings with industry and other stakeholders regarding specific priorities.

**How is the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) involved in the Oversight Group?**

* While YESAB is not a member of the Oversight Group, the Board has been kept informed about the Group’s activities. This contact is ongoing and regular.
* YESAB contributed a letter to the Oversight Group as the priorities were being defined, and their perspectives were included into the priorities report. We have also collaborated with YESAB on the future of the YESAA Forum.

**What benefits will the Oversight Group and YESAA Forums bring to industry?**

* The Forums will provide a focused opportunity to explore and discuss a number of YESAA-related issues with diverse voices in the room.
* The outcomes of those conversations will be included to the agenda of the Oversight Group, with the intent that agreement can be reached on policy, interpretation and implementation of YESAA.
* Outcomes may then be applied across all governments to help ensure a strong, reliable process acceptable to everyone.

**Who do we contact if we have questions or want to provide input?**

* First Nations with Final Agreements can contact Oversight Group members Daryn Leas or Emmie Fairclough.
* First Nations without Final Agreements, Trans-boundary First Nations and environmental non-government organizations can contact the Oversight Group Chair Dionne Savill.
* Industry members and other organizations can contact Oversight Group member Jasmina Randhawa.