



Esperance Cleanup and Recovery Project Update

29 May 2009

Wayne Winchester, Project Director

Since opening the Esperance cleanup and recovery project office in January 2009, considerable progress has been made toward establishing procedures for the clean up operation.

It is essential that detailed sampling be undertaken across the Esperance townsite to provide accurate data that will clearly define the extent of the contamination and type of clean up operations required. Development of sampling protocols will be finalised by the end of July.

An environmental scientist has been engaged to determine if lead and/or nickel residues in the Esperance townsite are being remobilised and if so by what mechanism.

The final report is expected in early July.

A database is being developed in conjunction with the Department of Health to house the vast amount of data that will be collected and analysed as part of the data collection stage of the project.

Cleaning procedures are also being developed to ensure cleaning operations are completed in a systematic and consistent manner.

A new project manager will commence in the Esperance office in mid-July to undertake the detailed management of a range of projects associated with Esperance's cleanup and recovery.