



## TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON RECLAMATION

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To: All Potential BC Reclamation Symposium Participants,

Dear Potential Participants,

On behalf of the Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR), I am pleased to announce that this year's BC Mine Reclamation Symposium will be combined with the Mine Closure 2011 Conference to be held in Lake Louise, Alberta, from September 17 to 22, 2011.

The decision to combine the two conferences was the result of considerable deliberation within the TRCR and the feedback received through our survey to past symposium participants sent out earlier this month. An overwhelming majority of respondents encouraged us to combine the conferences, although it should be noted that this was not the only factor we considered in making this decision. In addition to your feedback, our aim was to make the best decision for advancing our collective understanding of mine reclamation and closure practices. It is our hope that this decision will prove to be beneficial for furthering the understanding of reclamation techniques and technologies for BC reclamation practitioners.

Partnering with the Mine Closure 2011 Conference offers us a unique opportunity to bring the eyes of the international reclamation community to western Canada. It is the hope of the TRCR that, in doing so, we will be able to showcase the high standard of reclamation practiced in BC and that we, in turn, will be able to learn from our international colleagues.

The TRCR would like to express our gratitude to those of you who responded to our survey, which was invaluable in helping us come to an informed decision. To those of you that will be unable to join us this year, I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that we will return to the usual independent format for the BC Reclamation Symposium in 2012 and look forward to working with Inmet and the team at Samatsum to organize the symposium and field trip in Kamloops next year.

In the coming weeks we will ensure Mine Closure Conference information is forwarded to our TRCR email list. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Lake Louise this September.

Sincerely,

Ben Chalmers,  
Chair, TRCR