

Appendix 5B

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Overview

During the week of January 16-20, 2012, Guyana Goldfields, Inc. (GGI) representatives, along with an ENVIRON social specialist and GGI's senior local consultant, conducted public consultations with two local unincorporated communities, Aranka Mouth and Buckhall; and also meetings in Georgetown with representatives of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC), Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) and the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs (MOAA), (see summaries below for meeting overviews and feedback received).

The meeting's objectives were to (i) provide four stakeholders (Buckhall, GGMC, APA and MOAA) with an update on the Project; (ii) formally present information on the Project, for the first time, to the Aranka Mouth community; and (iii) provide all stakeholders present with an opportunity to raise questions and any concerns they may have on the Project so they can be considered prior to completion of the final updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Project.

One week before the meetings, GGI representatives delivered consultation flyers to the shops at Aranka Mouth and Nursey's Landing, which contained the meeting details (date, time and location) and information on the Project (see **Attachment 1**) of the updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ENVIRON, 2013). Consultation flyers were posted at each location, and a large supply of flyers was left on display at each shop so people passing through the shops could each take their own copy to read before the meetings.

Public Consultation at Aranka Mouth

A public consultation took place on January 16, 2012, at Gregory Melville's shop at Aranka Mouth. Just prior to the meeting, several large posters, providing maps, photos and key project information were displayed for use during the meeting. Copies of these posters are presented in **Attachment 2**. Representative photographs are provided for reference in **Attachment 3**.

Minutes of the Meeting

The following persons were present at the meeting:

- Mr. Alex Riley - GGI Environmental Manager
- Mrs. Ayaana Caldeira - GGI Corporate Social Responsibility Manager
- Mr. Peter Benny - GGI Human Resources Manager
- Mr. Michael Williams - GGI Health and Safety Manager
- Dr. Norman Ng A Qui - GGI Senior Consultant
- Ms. Sharon Maharg - ENVIRON Social Specialist, and
- Approximately 23 members of the community (see **Table 5C-1**)

Table 5B-1: Public Consultation and Disclosure Meeting Attendance

Date	Group Consulted	Meeting Location	No. of Attendees ¹
1-16-12	Aranka Mouth Residents	Gregory Melville's Shop	23
1-18-12	Buckhall Residents	Shop at Nursey's Landing	43
1-19-12	APA	APA's offices	2 from APA
1-20-12	GGMC	GGMC's offices	1 from GGMC
1-20-12	MOAA	MOAA's offices	2 from MOAA

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am, and Mr. Benny welcomed and thanked community members for attending the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the visit was to inform the community about GGI's activities at Aurora, and to receive their input on the Project; and he introduced the members of the consultation team.

Mr. Benny provided an overview on the history of the Project; explained the gold exploration process, as conducted by a large-scale mining company, so there is minimal disturbance to the forest; and mentioned that after sixteen years of exploration, GGI has come to the conclusion that they can develop a mine at Aurora.

Dr. Ng A Qui, a civil engineer, provided a detailed description of the Project, and used the posters to point out key Project areas. He provided information on the current and planned operations at Buckhall, the 140 km road from Buckhall to Tapir, the 33 km road extension, currently under construction, from Tapir to the mine site. He mentioned that truck traffic from Buckhall will be a 7-day/24-hour operation through the construction period, and that there will be a small maintenance area at Tapir. Using one of the posters, he pointed out the three exploration sites at Aurora, and gave an explanation of the three major components of the mine operation, which will be ongoing for fifteen years, and will require at its peak several hundred personnel. Dr. Ng A Qui stated that GGI will have all infrastructure needed, including a new airstrip, to maintain the mine. He encouraged the attendees to look closer at the posters after the meeting, and stated that environmental preservation is a key priority for GGI.

Mrs. Caldeira gave a presentation on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). She explained her role at GGI and gave an overview of GGI's responsibilities as a Canadian company operating in Guyana: to provide jobs; protect the environment; plan and manage risks; do everything possible to protect the health and safety of its workers; and report to the community on GGI's activities. Mrs. Caldeira stated that GGI's CSR department is being developed along three pillars:

- Human Resources and CSR Development (what GGI is providing for its employees – benefits, skills training and literacy training). She announced that training and hiring will likely start next year.

¹ Note: not all attendees recorded their names on the register form circulated at the meeting; copies of the distributed registers are included in **Attachment 4**.

- Health, safety and the environment.
- National and community initiatives, including HIV/AIDS programs and community support services. GGI is always looking for new projects to support.

Mrs. Caldeira concluded her presentation by providing information on GGI's Community Grievance Program, and directing meeting attendees' attention to the Community Grievance Program poster with Grievance procedures that will remain permanently on display at the shop.

Mr. Riley gave a presentation on GGI's Environment, Health and Safety and Security practices, which included the following comments:

- Health and Safety: There are weekly safety briefings at Buckhall and the mine site. Contractors are required to use the same safety standards as GGI. There are regular foggings for malaria prevention, testing of drinking water every six months, and regular inspection of the kitchen at the mine site. Fire safety is a priority and there is an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety course for workers.
- Environment: Mr. Riley stated that GGI strives to adhere to all Guyanese laws and regulations, and also the International Finance Corporation (IFC) environmental guidelines. GGI will adhere to an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), which will include procedures for fuel use and storage, and clean-up if there are spills; and workers will receive training on how to implement ESMS plans and procedures. He discussed potential impacts from the use of cyanide, and stated that cyanide would be managed in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code.
- Security: GGI plans to have a professional security force. All security personnel will receive training, which will include: safety in the environment, interaction with the community, sexual harassment, HIV/AIDS prevention, and human relations.

Mr. Michael Williams gave a presentation on GGI's Health and Safety policies, which included the following comments:

- Water: GGI collects water samples and tests regularly, in order to avoid typhoid at the camp site.
- Food: all food handlers receive a food handler's inspection and certificate.
- Emergency response: all workers are trained, even to assist the medic in preparing patients to be evacuated to Georgetown.
- Fire safety awareness: all is done with serious consideration of GGI's environmental, health and safety procedures.

Mr. Williams concluded by stating that GGI is a people-centered company, and is here to help you, the local community.

Mr. Benny gave the last presentation, covering GGI's recruitment plan and anticipated hiring needs. GGI has a two-year development plan to move the company from exploration to a company ready for mining. Recruitment will come from all areas, including Aranka Mouth, the community closest to the mine site. A program will be in place to take unskilled workers to a skilled level. GGI is interested in hiring from all areas, including: cooks, medics, carpenters, plumbers, pipe fitters, mechanics, surveyors, line cutters and boat captains. GGI is currently building a skills database, and is willing to hire anyone, provided they have an interest. Mr. Benny stated that job applications are available at Aurora, applicants will need two references and police clearance, and that specific job interviews will be conducted by the people workers will report to.

Mr. Benny described current work activities at Tapir, where lots of trucks and equipment are being operated. He stated that in one month, GGI will start working on the road at Tapir, and they will need truck drivers; the initial number of workers will start to increase. Mr. Benny stated that GGI wants a great relationship with local communities, and that there will be no discrimination in hiring. When Tapir facilities are complete, the police have committed to place 3-4 officers at Tapir; there will be security patrolling the river, which Mr. Benny anticipates will result in more confidence in the area. Mr. Benny further stated that GGI is developing a partnership with the community, and whenever they do a major recruitment, GGI will announce it in communities, including Aranka Mouth.

At the end of the presentations, Ms. Maharg described ENVIRON's role in the Project and encouraged meeting attendees to ask questions and express their opinions on the Project.

Questions and feedback from the community members included the following:

- A lot of people mine in this area; can they come to GGI for medical assistance?
Response: Yes; miners and members of the Aranka Mouth community already come to Aurora for emergency medical services.
- Will any discharge pollute the river water?
Response: Discharge from the mine site will be in accordance with IFC guidelines.
- Will there be any pollution of the river with cyanide like what happened at Omai?
Response: The tailings dam will be evaluated by an independent expert to verify that the design is sound to avoid a tailings dam failure as in the case of Omai.
- Will people still be allowed to travel on the river?
Response: Yes
- Will the Project have a need for water transportation?

Response: There will be no need for river transportation; the Project will not use the river, other than to cross at Tapir. The Project's main needs will be at Buckhall, the access road and the mine site.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 pm; and after the meeting, GGI's representatives spent an additional 90 minutes in informal discussions with meeting attendees.

Public Consultation at Buckhall

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- Mr. Alex Riley - GGI Environmental Manager
- Mrs. Ayaana Caldeira - GGI Corporate Social Responsibility Manager
- Mr. Peter Benny - GGI Human Resources Manager
- Mr. David Smith - GGI Buckhall Logistics Manager
- Dr. Norman Ng A Qui - GGI Senior Consultant
- Ms. Sharon Maharg - ENVIRON Social Specialist, and
- Approximately 43 attendees from the community (see **Table 5B-1**)

The meeting attendees included Nursey (Ms. Y. Hohenkirk, the owner of the shop) and members of the local community, residents of Grand Troolie Island² and Caria Caria³, and people from the coast who were waiting for transportation into the interior; all meeting attendees spoke English.

The meeting commenced at 11:30 am, and Mr. Benny welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the visit was to bring the community up to date on GGI's activities since the last public consultation meeting at Buckhall and to receive their input on the Project; and he introduced the members of the consultation team. Mr. Benny stated that Buckhall was very important to GGI.

Mr. Smith introduced himself and speculated that some meeting attendees may be single private mine operators; and he expressed that GGI wants to work together in cooperation with the mine operators.

² A small community on the east bank of the Essequibo River

³ A small community upstream from Buckhall on the west bank of the Essequibo River

Mr. Benny provided an overview on the sixteen-year history of the Project, and explained the gold exploration process (similar to presentation provided at Aranka Mouth). During his presentation, he inquired on the number of miners present at the meeting, there were none. Dr. Ng A Qui provided a detailed description of the Project, and used the posters to point out key Project areas (similar to presentation provided at Aranka Mouth). He provided information on the three main project components, including commenting on what was most relevant for Buckhall:

- Buckhall: current and planned operations, including a 300m dock to be constructed.
- Upgrading and widening of the existing 140 km Barama forestry road from Buckhall to Tapir, which must be upgraded to an all-weather road to support the big trucks and heavy equipment that will travel from Buckhall to the Aurora mine site; and the 33 km road extension, currently under construction, from Tapir to the mine site.
- Aurora Mine Site: Using one of the posters, Dr. Ng A Qui pointed out the three exploration sites at Aurora, and gave an explanation of the three major components of the mine operation. Dr. Ng A Qui stated that the next steps at Aurora are to build a new airfield and worker accommodation.

Mrs. Caldeira gave a presentation on CSR (similar to presentation provided at Aranka Mouth). She mentioned that GGI's first port was at Itaballi and GGI adopted this community, and are always looking to provide community support wherever GGI sets up operations. She asked the meeting attendees to inform her about their communities and what their needs may be. Mrs. Caldeira concluded her presentation by providing information on GGI's Community Grievance Program, and directing meeting attendees' attention to the Community Grievance Program poster with Grievance procedures that will remain permanently on display at the shop.

Mr. Riley gave a presentation on GGI's Environment, Health and Safety and Security practices (similar to presentation provided at Aranka Mouth), which included the following comments:

- Health and Safety: GGI is committed to protect workers' health and safety, and has programs for malaria and dengue prevention and regular testing, and medics will be present at each work area. Safety training programs are already in place for ATV and heavy equipment operators, there is first aid training for most employees, and fire safety training is provided by the Guyana Fire Service.
- Environment: GGI has a commitment to the Government of Guyana (GoG) for environmental preservation. GGI submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment to GoG, which was approved, and they are currently developing an Environmental and Social Management Plan. GGI's Toronto-based team is striving to design the mine and its road infrastructure to minimize pollution and to be in accordance with GoG's laws and international guidelines.

- Security: GGI has a professional security force; and all security personnel received a two-week training course, which included safety in the environment, interaction with the community, sexual harassment, HIV/AIDs prevention, and human relations.

Mr. Benny gave the last presentation, and focused on GGI's recruitment plan and anticipated hiring needs (similar to presentation provided at Aranka Mouth), which included the following comments:

- Mr. Benny described the planned work activities at Buckhall, where equipment will arrive on barges and be trucked to Aurora; and there will be a big warehouse for storing equipment. The road will be used 24 hours per day, 7 days per week since a gold mine operates 24 hours per day, it is too expensive to stop operation.
- GGI prefers to hire from the local communities and is looking for both skilled and non-skilled workers, and there will be training. Application forms will be available at Nursey's Landing, and should be sent to GGI, who will personally interview all applicants; the only other application requirements are two references and a police clearance.
- GGI's goal is to complete all construction within 18-24 months, and will be hiring mechanics, welders, security officers and clerical staff for the following projects
 - Road expansion (the first jobs);
 - Construction of the airstrip at Aurora; and
 - Housing construction at Aurora and Buckhall.
- Mr. Benny stated that GGI does not discriminate; anyone with an interest, ability and discipline will be considered for employment. GGI wants to develop programs that will make workers useful in an industrial environment- develop skills that will be useful for a lifetime.

At the end of the presentations, Ms. Maharg described ENVIRON's role in the Project and encouraged meeting attendees to ask questions and express their opinions on the Project. Questions and feedback from the community members included the following:

- What would be the lowest salary for an unskilled worker?
Response: GY\$90-100,000 per month
- What are the ages for hiring?
Response: The minimum age is 18 and even workers over 60 can be hired, if in good health.
- Would GGI's Health and Safety standards be in accordance with international standards?
Response: Yes
- Will GGI use cyanide or mercury to process gold?

Response: GGI representatives responded that cyanide will be used, but not mercury. Cyanide works best in order to have the maximum extraction of gold. Mr. Riley mentioned that there is an international code for tailings management, and that an independent panel of experts will review the design of the Aurora tailings dam.

- Will GGI do some fogging in the area?

Response: Yes, and GGI will also cut bushes back at the Buckhall camp.

[Note: after the meeting, the GGI Buckhall camp manager was informed of this request and it has been fulfilled.]

During the question and answer (Q&A) session, Ms. Maharg asked how many people present are employed, and meeting attendees responded that only eight are employed.

Also during the Q&A session, meeting attendees mentioned that at least 8 children from Nursey's Landing go to the nursery and primary schools on Grand Troolie Island, across the river, on the east bank of the Essequibo River. An elderly gentleman requested that GGI support the construction of a good road from the river bank to the school. GGI responded that they will consider this request but that it may be cost prohibitive due to logistics.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 pm. After the meeting, GGI's representatives spent about one hour in informal discussions with meeting attendees while everyone had light refreshments.

Consultation with APA

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting took place at the offices of APA on January 19, 2012, and representatives of APA (Sharon Atkinson, Head of APA; and Lawrence Anselmo), GGI (Alex Riley and Ayaana Caldeira) and ENVIRON (Sharon Maharg) participated.

The meeting commenced at 2:00 pm. Mrs. Caldeira gave introductory comments, and mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to update APA on GGI's Aurora project activities, obtain their feedback and to introduce ENVIRON. Mrs. Caldeira provided an update on the Project, mentioning that the Project's port had been moved from Itaballi to Buckhall, and that the Project was not in any areas that could negatively impact Amerindian communities. The only Amerindian community is Kurutuku, which is located 40 miles upriver from Aurora.

A discussion took place on how GGI supports Amerindian communities by hiring workers from St. Cuthbert's Mission and Moruca, and the assistance they provided to St. Cuthbert's Mission for power generation. APA inquired about GGI's recruiting practices, and this led to a broader discussion exploring how GGI could expand its hiring of workers from other Amerindian communities. It was agreed that GGI will contact APA when hiring is going to take place and about upcoming job opportunities. Note: two days after the meeting, GGI's Human Resources Manager visited APA and delivered job applications.

Mrs. Caldeira gave an overview of GGI's CSR program and their community investment projects, and requested that APA submit ideas for areas where GGI could invest.

Additional questions and feedback from APA included the following:

- For what areas do you hire women?
Response: GGI started hiring women last year as cooks, geologists and medics.
- Is there use of alcohol and/or drugs in the camp?
Response: No use of alcohol or drugs is permitted in the camp.
- Is there prostitution?
Response: Aurora is in a very remote location, and GGI's official policy is for workers not to visit brothels.
- Amerindian women are concerned about miners' pay, and want to ensure that it comes back to women and children at home.
Response: GGI has a system in place where miners can provide authorization to set aside funds for families. In January 2012, GGI had a symposium on finance for their workers, which was sponsored by Scotia Bank.
- How long is the work shift?
Response: Six weeks in camp and two weeks out.
- How much will they get paid for work?
Response: For basic unskilled work, about GY\$100,000 per month. In addition, GGI will provide skills training for unskilled workers and benefits, including health care. There is also health and safety training.
- What is the minimum hiring age?
Response: 18
- How much time is allowed for someone to apply?
Response: GGI takes applications year-round.
- What does exploration entail?
Response: Mr. Riley provided an overview of exploration, and mentioned that the Project is currently in the feasibility (engineering) stage.

Towards the end of the meeting, Ms. Maharg asked APA if they had heard any criticism of or opposition to the Project, and Mr. Anselmo said that APA was not aware of any criticism or opposition to the Project. The meeting concluded at 3:00 pm.

Consultation with GGMC

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting took place at the offices of GGMC on January 20, 2012, and representatives of GGMC (Kampta Persaud, Manager, Geological Services), GGI (Alex Riley and Ayaana Caldeira) and ENVIRON (Sharon Maharg) participated.

The meeting commenced at 10:25 am, and Mrs. Caldeira gave introductory comments, and mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to update GGMC on GGI's Aurora project activities since their last meeting, obtain their feedback and to introduce ENVIRON. Mrs. Caldeira provided an overview of the week's public consultation meetings at Aranka Mouth and Buckhall.

Mr. Riley explained IFC's role as an investor in the Project, and provided a brief overview of the IFC Performance Standards and EHS Guidelines.

Mrs. Caldeira discussed GGI's plan for future public consultations, and confirmed that GGI will continue consultations with the local communities and keep them informed as the Project progresses.

Mrs. Caldeira and Mr. Riley, together, described GGI's Grievance Mechanism and its procedures. They also mentioned a law being proposed in Canada, to apply to Canadian companies operating outside the country, which will require companies to conduct operations in accordance with Canadian Law, wherever they operate.

Ms. Maharg asked Mr. Persaud about GGMC's activities in support of miners in the interior, and he provided the following information:

There is a new minister who is in charge of all natural resources. There are six mining districts supervised by GGMC and GGMC now has a total of 19 stations and sub-stations in the interior; the office at Aranka also covers Sulphur Rose. GGMC has recently doubled the size of its fieldwork-conducting work force (previously had a staff of 50 and just added 50 additional workers), and the workforce includes:

- Inspectors – inspect mine operations;
- Engineers for mining operations (higher level position);
- Geological services- monitoring (ad hoc projects)

Additional questions and feedback from GGMC included the following:

- Are there any Indigenous Peoples in the area of your project?
Response: Kurutuku is about 40 km upstream from the Project, and about 200 people live there.

- Effluents, especially cyanide, are important.
Response: The design of Aurora's tailings dam will be reviewed by an international panel of experts to ensure that it is safe and effluents will meet IFC guidelines.
- The use of mercury in Guyana will be stopped next year; GGMC is trying to promote the use of cyanide.
- It's good to employ local people so they have a vested interest in the Project.
- GGMC is interested in the training of workers.

Towards the end of the meeting, Ms. Maharg asked Mr. Persaud if GGMC hears comments about the Aurora mine project from artisanal and/or small-scale miners. Mr. Persaud responded affirmatively, the miners want to use GGI's roads, landing and airstrip. Mrs. Caldeira acknowledged that GGI has heard these requests before. The meeting concluded at 10:55 am.

Consultation with MOAA

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting took place at the offices of the MOAA on January 20, 2012, and representatives of MOAA (Sharon Austin, Head of Projects Department, and Sharon Hicks, Project Officer), GGI (Ayaana Caldeira), and ENVIRON (Sharon Maharg) participated.

The meeting commenced at 1:30 pm, and Mrs. Caldeira mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to update MOAA on GGI's Aurora project activities, obtain their feedback and to introduce ENVIRON. Mrs. Caldeira provided an explanation of the gold exploration process, mentioned that GGI has been engaged in exploration in Guyana since 1996, and that the Project is expected to go into operation in 2015. Mrs. Caldeira described GGI's CSR program, its support of Itaballi, and the public consultation process that was followed this week.

Ms. Maharg asked the MOAA representatives if they had previously heard of the Project. They said that they personally had not, but that the Minister was aware of the Project. Ms. Austin said she knew of GGI. They added that they had not received any comments from Kurutuku about the Project.

Mrs. Caldeira described GGI's Grievance Mechanism procedures, and mentioned the special effort GGI puts forth to hire Amerindians, initially just from St. Cuthbert's Mission and also most recently from Moruca. She mentioned the recruiting discussion that took place during the meeting with APA and their recommendation that GGI recruit Amerindians from other regions, which GGI plans to explore.

MOAA inquired if GGI has a MOU with St. Cuthbert's Mission. Mrs. Caldeira responded that while there is no MOU, GGI has been meeting with the Toshao. In view of interest from other

Amerindian communities, GGI decided that they could no longer work with only one Amerindian community.

Mrs. Caldeira mentioned that GGI is an equal opportunity employer; there is no discrimination in hiring, and the only requirement is to hire a certain percentage of Guyanese nationals. She described GGI's training program and also training workers will need, in the future, to work in an underground mine.

Additional questions and feedback from MOAA included the following:

- When was the EIA prepared?
Response: A few years ago (in 2009).
- The Project Department works on government-sponsored projects, and they only monitor international projects.
- Is GGI recruiting from everywhere in Guyana?
Response: Mainly from communities with easy access to Georgetown and Parika (from where workers obtain transportation to the Project).
- The National Toshao Council meeting, which meets once every 1-2 years, and/or the Executive Toshao Council meeting, which meets every few months, the next meeting being in March 2012, would be good venues for GGI to inform the Amerindian communities of job openings.

At the end of the meeting Ms. Maharg requested that MOAA review GGI's map of the Project area and confirm that there are no additional Amerindian communities in the vicinity of the Project. MOAA agreed to confirm. The meeting concluded at 2:20 pm.

Summary of Findings

As observed during the public consultations at Aranka Mouth and Buckhall and the meetings in Georgetown with GGMC, MOAA, and APA, all parties consulted were interested to hear about the Project's progress and appreciated the opportunity to raise questions and provide their opinions and suggestions, and they appeared overall to be in support of the project. Both the communities of Aranka Mouth and Buckhall were aware of the Project prior to the public consultation meetings. While community residents welcomed the prospect of job opportunities and community support, they did express concerns about the potential for further contamination of the river, and the use of cyanide, fearing the possibility of another spill like the one that occurred at OMAI Gold Mines.

Both MOAA and APA recommended that GGI recruit Amerindians, in addition to St. Cuthbert's Mission and Moruca; and expressed interest in being involved in future Project activities involving Amerindians, public consultation meetings and recruiting activities in particular. GGMC recommended that GGI maintain good and open communications with the artisanal and small-scale miners.

Attachment 1: Flyers for Public Consultation and Information Disclosure Meetings



MEETING NOTICE

Aranka Mouth Public Community Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2012 at 11:00 am

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- Impacts on water quality;
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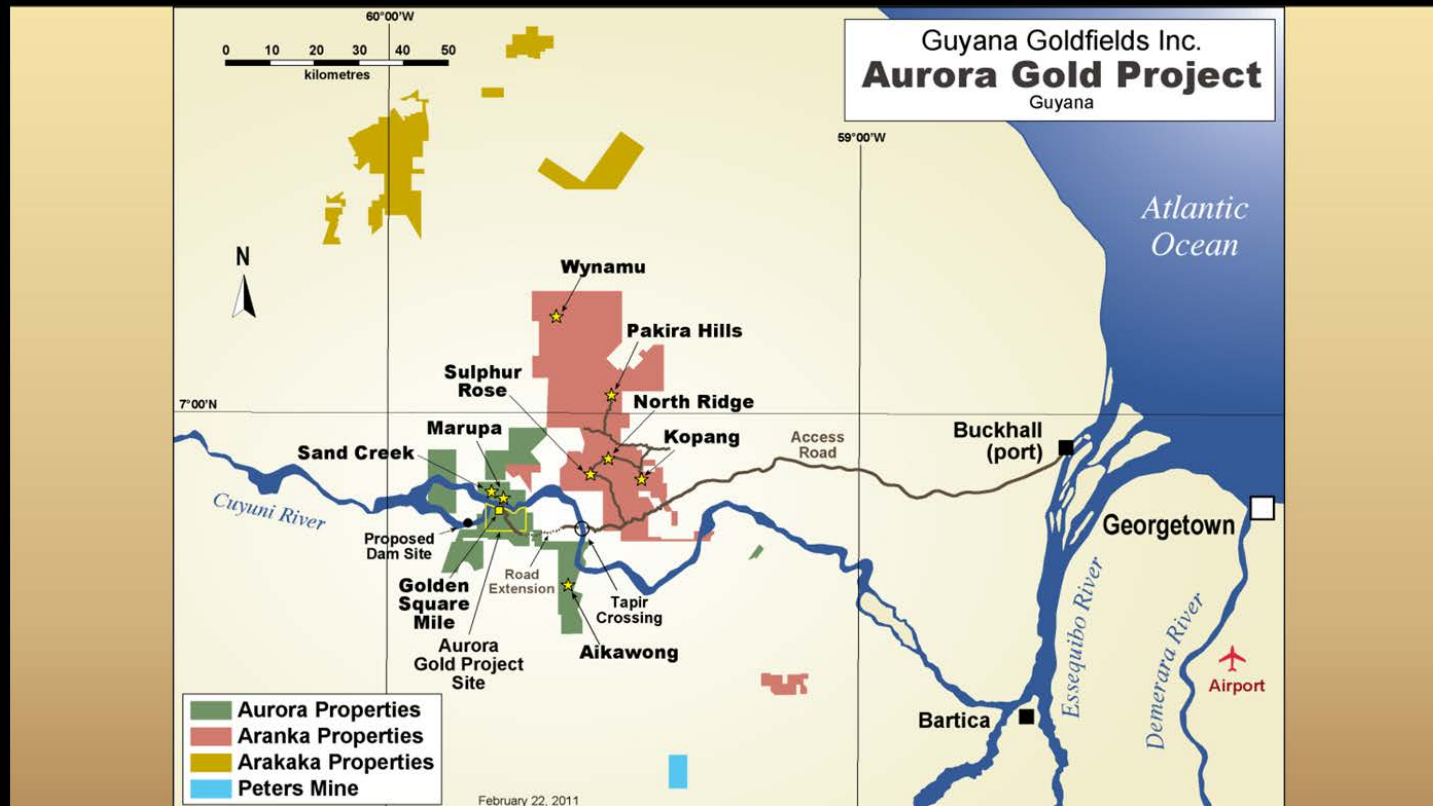
Attachment 2: Posters from 2012 Aranka Mouth and Buckhall Public Consultation and Information Disclosure Meetings



Creating Opportunities
Helping Communities
Caring for the Environment
Proudly Building a World-Class Mine



Logistics and Infrastructure





Infrastructure – Buckhall Site





Infrastructure – Buckhall Site



Administration Building



Fencing with Drainage



Fuel Tanks with Safe Containment



Fuel Unloading Pipe Trestle



Infrastructure – Cuyuni River Crossing





Infrastructure – Tapir Crossing (at Cuyuni River)



Boat at Crossing



Maintenance Facility (under construction) and Equipment



Site Office & Camp



Barge carrying Equipment



Infrastructure – Road Extension





Infrastructure – Access Road



Existing Access Road



Road Extension in Progress



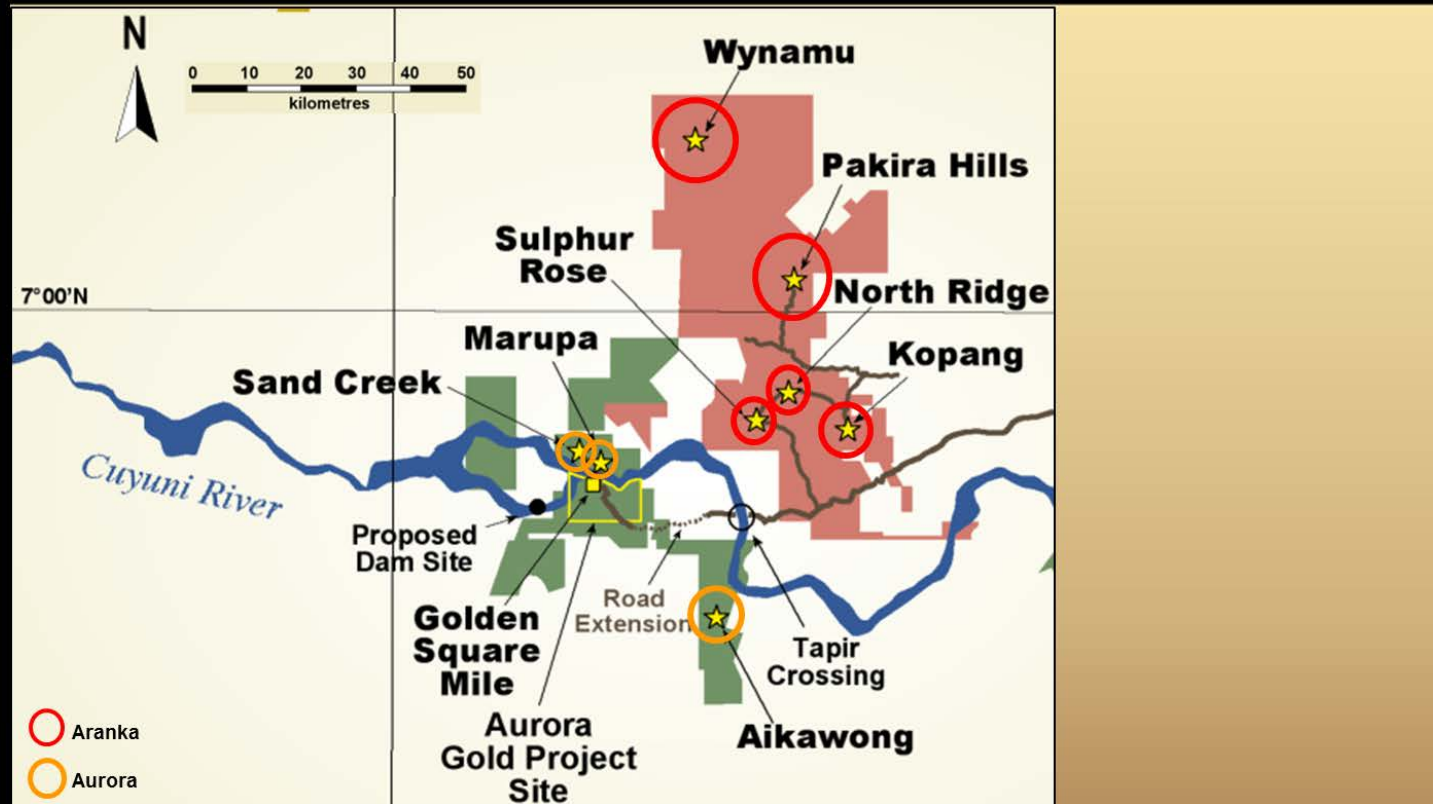


The Aurora Gold Project Site





Exploration Projects



Site Plan



Attachment 3: Representative Photographs from Public Consultation and Information Disclosure Meetings



Posters at Aranka Mouth public consultation and information disclosure meeting



Attendees at Aranka Mouth public consultation and information disclosure meeting



Aranka Mouth public consultation and information disclosure meeting



Family at Aranka Mouth public consultation and information disclosure meeting



Public consultation and information disclosure posters, Buckhall meeting



Public consultation and information disclosure meeting (Buckhall)



Public consultation and information disclosure meeting (Buckhall)



Public consultation and information disclosure meeting (Buckhall)



**Public Bulletin Board, Aurora Site
(grievance process and project disclosure information shown)**



Medical Center, Aurora Site

Attachment 4: Attendee Registers from Aranka Mouth and Buckhall Meetings

Guyana Goldfields
Aurora Mine Project
Public Consultation Meetings- January 2012

Community: Aranka Mouth

Date: 16-Jan-2012

Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity/Race	Origin
Gregory Melville	52	f.	Race	Live Guyanese
Seana Gibson	26	f.		Live Guyana
Ryan Gibson	29	m.		Live Guyana
Akua Harrison	19	f		Guyana
Gregory Simmons	45	m		Guyana
Alanzo Simmons	19	m		live Guyana
Quasi Hutch	32	m		Guyana
Samuel Harrison	35	m		Guyana
Anthony Simmons	21	m		Guyana
Luiza Dosantos	29	f		Brazilian
Romona Simmons	40	f		Guyanese
Arelene Simmons	18	f		Guyanese
Shane Silva	20	M		Argentinian
Kevin Simmons	23	M		Guyanese

Guyana Goldfields
Aurora Mine Project
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Community: Oranka Mouth

Date: 16-Jan-2012

Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity	Origin
marcelo de Aguiar Silva	29	F		Brasiliense
Paul SIMMONS	43	M		BARTICA
Faci MacBartiteBasso	45	F		
marcelo Alves Sena	43	M		
Joelson Castelo Araujo	22	M		Brasiliense
George Junior	34	M		Bartica
Henry de Fanelone	27	M		Georgetown
Wanda de Fanelone	31	F		Georgetown.
Matsum Kori Rom	51	CWC		BEB
Sovenia Simoes	25	F		Bartica

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Community: BUCKHALL

Date: 18-JAN-2012

Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity/ RACE	Origin/ PLACE OF BIRTH
MORRICE SUE	69	M	AFRO-GUYANESE	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
DERYCK WALLACE	45	M	AFRO "	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
MELISSA SUE	37	F	AFRO "	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
LOVERN STEPHEN	39	F	" "	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
Nicola Stephen	29	F	" "	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
Abnuel Patterson	65	"	" "	great Troolie
Groy Williams	28	M	" "	36 green valley
James Sue	70	M	" "	great troolie
Rod Smith	42	M	" "	Buck Hall
Robert Mangou	20	M	" "	GREAT TROOLIE IS.
Mark Henry	43	M	" "	BUCK HALL
Jenny Cummings				
Ugarn Sandy	41	"	" "	GTOWN

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Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity/ Race	Origin/ PLACE OF BIRTH
TESWIN HARCOURT	38	M		Lichfeld, Ber
of Floyd Wade	40	M		yearville W.C.B
Jordan M.C. Almonst	40	M		Lovely W.C.B.
Shelton Prince	27	M		Barbados
Ja Williams	32	M		
Carl Gifford	55	M	Negro	LINDEN
Glenford Robin	45	M		W.C.B
Philmatic Motet	33	M		W.C.D.
Hortense Thompson	53	F	Negro	Belladonna W.C.B
ANDREW CYRUS	48	M	MIX	MAHAICONY
DEVON JACOBS	29	M		
DEAN JACOBS				
AMIT PERSAUD				

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Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity/ RACE	Origin/ PLACE OF ORIGIN
Edwin Bous	46	M	Negro	Guyanese
Ossie LEON DAVID	41	M	NEGRO	GUYANESE
Y. Hohenkirk	38	F	MIX	Buck Hall.
M. Persaud	32	F	MIX	Buck Hall
T. Munroe	37	M	MIX	CARIA CARIA
T. John	53	M	MIX	Caria Caria
P. Hohenkirk	46	F	MIX	Caria Caria
Sharon Colbold	41	F	MIX	Caria Caria
L. Hohenkirk	23	M	MIX	Caria Caria
Nigel Anderson	28	M	MIX	Georgetown
Emuel Hohenkirk	29	F	MIX	Caria Caria
Colvin Smith	49	M	M	NURF VILLAGE

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Name and Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)	Ethnicity/ RACE	Origin/ PLACE OF BIRTH
Suanna Blair	21	female.	MIX	Suddie Hospit.
Salita Sofferino	31	F		Suddie Hospit.
Sandy Wallace	23	f	Mix.	'
David Blair	45	M	Mix	Dryshore
APIL KAHN	37	M	Indian	Patterson