Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'energie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0243

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR THE DETOUR LAKE POWER PROJECT (Phase I – Island Falls to Detour Lake)

Detour Gold Corporation (the "Applicant" or "Detour") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated July 20, 2010 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicant is seeking an order of the Board granting leave to construct transmission facilities to re-connect the Detour Lake Mine, located 185 Km northeast of the Town of Cochrane, to the provincial grid at Island Falls in the district of Cochrane. Detour Gold Corporation has 100% ownership of the Detour Lake Power Project. Detour Gold Corporation is a public Canadian gold exploration and development company headquartered in Toronto.

The project site was previously serviced by a 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line that connected to the provincial grid at Island Falls. However, on completion of the former mining activities, the transmission line and related facilities were removed. The work which is the subject of this application involves building a new 142 km 230 kV single circuit overhead transmission line on the existing right-of-way. The circuit will be operated initially at 115 kV. The work also involves constructing the necessary associated facilities to connect the mine to the provincial electrical grid. These include a transformer station at the Detour Lake mine and a switching station at Island Falls to connect to the transmission grid. The Applicant has indicated that no new access corridors will be needed to construct the transmission line.

Detour submits that the project is required to ensure a dependable power supply for the Detour Lake Project, and it projects a 20 MW load during construction, and a forecasted demand of 120 MW when the mine is fully operational.

The Applicant has indicated that a second phase to this project, and a further application, is anticipated later this year, extending the line from Island Falls to the transmission grid at Pinard, west of Fraserdale, Ontario. The line would then be operated at 230 kV. The construction of this second phase is not a part of this application.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities and route is included with this Notice.

The Applicant advises that land rights are required during construction and over the life of the project to accommodate the proposed transmission facilities. Detour will construct, own and operate the facilities. The scheduled in-service date is September 2011.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2010-0243 to this application.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and at the Applicant's head office (see addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application and will be part of the public record for the application. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Board, your letter should include this request. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

2. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding, but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you

become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however, two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the Applicant.

3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing. Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention by way of written or oral hearing.

The Board will hold a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reason for that preference.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-Filing and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by email, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2010-0243 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

FURTHER, IF THE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT IS GRANTED, DETOUR GOLD CORPORATION MAY SUBSEQUENTLY APPLY FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPROPRIATE IF NECESSARY.

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