Yukon Zinc Corporation (YZC) is a privately owned mine development and exploration company based in Vancouver, Canada. YZC has mining reserves and resources in the Yukon Finlayson and Rancheria Districts. The key priority currently for YZC is to advance the underground zinc-silver Wolverine Mine into production.

Project Update

Yukon Zinc is currently working on completing the construction of its operating plant and facilities at the Wolverine Mine. The primary focus for this summer includes commissioning of all equipment and the ore processing circuits, as well as completing construction priorities to move the mine into production.

Due to a mine fatality in late April 2010, the focus of the recent work underground has included testing and geotechnical modeling, as well as developing enhanced safety protocols and procedures to ensure a safe work environment. A comprehensive plan for a range of ground conditions is currently being completed. “Once the plan is complete, Yukon Zinc looks forward to resuming underground development and ramping up its operations in the fall”, states Raymond Mah, YZC Chief Operating Officer.

Construction Reaches a Major Milestone

In June, the Wolverine Commissioning Team, comprised of YZC construction & operations employees and key contractors, commissioned low grade ore through the processing plant. Special congratulations to Project Manager Clive Creaney and the various teams for all their efforts and commitment to reach this accomplishment. Mine General Manager John Kinyon will lead the operations group as Wolverine transitions into production, with the continued support of head office staff.

Surface Construction Activities Completed in Spring 2010

Industrial Complex

- Crushing, grinding and conveyer systems testing completed.
- Zinc, copper and lead ore processing circuits and equipment testing underway.

Tailings Facility

- Installation of the reclaim water pump barge.
- Commissioning of tailings and reclaim water pumps and pipelines.
- Approximately 70,000m$^3$ of water is stored in the impoundment and will be used in the mill.
Ore Concentrate Hauling

Yukon Zinc will transport its concentrates south through Watson Lake, YT, then via Highway 37 to the port at Stewart, BC. YZC will take advantage of bulk haul parameters newly established by the BC & Yukon Governments. Trucks are permitted to have a gross vehicle weight of 72,300 kilograms, up from 63,500 kilograms, thereby reducing the number of shipments by approximately 15%. “Allowing larger, more efficient trucks will reduce the number of vehicles on the road, cut transportation costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and maintain our provincial highway system, by reducing pavement damage”, stated BC Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Shirley Bond.

Maple Leaf Loading in conjunction with the Kaska First Nation, their joint venture partner, has customized trucks specifically for the Wolverine Mine. Facilities to provide haulage support services are being considered for Watson Lake.

Corporate & Community Relations

- Senior Executives Mr. Song and Mr. Ou from YZC’s parent company Jinduicheng Molybdenum Group Co. visited Wolverine in June. ShaanXi Non Ferrous Executives Mr. Lu, Mr. Su, Mr. Ren and Mr. Liu toured Wolverine in July.
- YZC, along with other mining companies and service providers, attended job fairs in Ross River and Watson Lake in April.
- YZC’s new Human Resources Coordinator Aldea Lavallie assists with employee recruitment for Wolverine, as well as provides support and assistance related to the social impacts resulting from remote camp life. She will help identify areas of need and connect employees with support in their community and while at site.
- YZC would like to thank Nora Ladue for her hard work as YZC’s Aboriginal Liaison Officer during 2009-2010. A new ALO will be hired in the coming months.

Employment Opportunities

- Recruiting will continue over the summer for a variety of positions at Wolverine Mine. For current YZC job postings check your local employment/economic development offices along with YZC’s website: www.yukonzinc.com.
- Resumes may be submitted to: careers@yukonzinc.com, or by fax: 1-604-682 5404.