

CLAIM STAKING, LICENSE MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT REPORTING



MINERAL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

- Mineral Act
- Mineral Regulations



DEFINITION OF MINERAL

"mineral" means a naturally occurring inorganic substance including coal and minerals contained in mine tailings, but does not include:

- water
- quarry materials as defined in the Quarry Materials Act,
- stratified deposits other than coal from which oil can be extracted by destructive distillation, or
- petroleum as defined in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act



CLAIM STAKING



TO STAKE A CLAIM

- You must be a corporation or at least 19 years of age
- You must stake online Internet Explorer and Netscape web browsers; payable by credit card (Visa / Mastercard) only
- You must be registered with the Mineral Lands Division of the Department of Natural Resources (no cost)
- For help, contact the <u>claims recorder</u> (709 729 6437)



TO STAKE A CLAIM (CNT'D)

- Claims are 500 m on a side and are staked on a predetermined grid
- Claims are staked in blocks (called licenses) ranging from 1 to a maximum of 256 contiguous units. There are no restrictions on shape of the license
- Staking costs include a \$10 recording fee and a \$50 refundable security deposit
- A Genuine Prospector can stake up to 30 claims per year without paying the security



MINERAL LICENSE

- Is issued 30 days after staking
- Gives the holder the exclusive right to explore but not to mine (mining and surface leases are required)
- Is issued for a 5 year term but can be renewed every 5 years for a maximum of 20 years – work is required to be completed, reported and accepted annually



LICENSE MANAGEMENT



MINERAL LICENSE MAINTENANCE

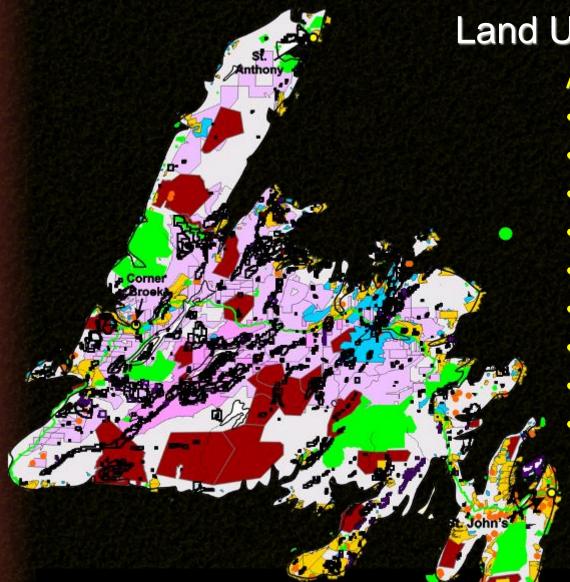
- Yearly exploration must be completed and an 'assessment report' describing the work must be filed and accepted
- Reports are held confidential for three years provided the mineral license is in good standing
- Extensions of time may be obtained both to perform work and file assessment reports
- A mineral license may be reduced in size or split into two or more smaller licenses
- Two or more mineral licenses may be grouped under certain conditions



MINERAL EXPLORATION APPROVAL

- Mineral exploration approval is required before exploration work can be completed on a mineral license or mining lease
- To obtain approval, you must complete and submit a form available from the Natural Resources website at http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forms/mines/expl_approval.pdf
- For help contact the <u>exploration approvals geologist</u> (709 729 6408)





Land Use Interests

Agencies:

- Forestry
- Wildlife
- Historic Resources
- Private Land
- Municipalities
- Outfitters
- Water Resources
- Parks
- Etc.



Assessment Reporting



Assessment Reports

- Assessment work to a minimum value must be conducted yearly to keep your claims in good standing
- An assessment report is submitted to the Department describing the work you have done on your license and the results obtained
- The report should be filed within 60 days of the anniversary of the license. A 60 day extension of time is possible
- Always send a copy of your report to the Department. Keep the original for your own files



What to Report

- All work should be reported prospecting, sampling, trenching, and any site visits from exploration personnel
- The most important details are sample locations, assay results and expenditures
- You can also report time spent on file research and compilation once per License
- A <u>sample assessment report</u> is found on the Department's website and can be used for reference
- Contact the <u>assessment report review geologist</u> for help (709 729 0573)



Maps

Three types of map are usually suggested:

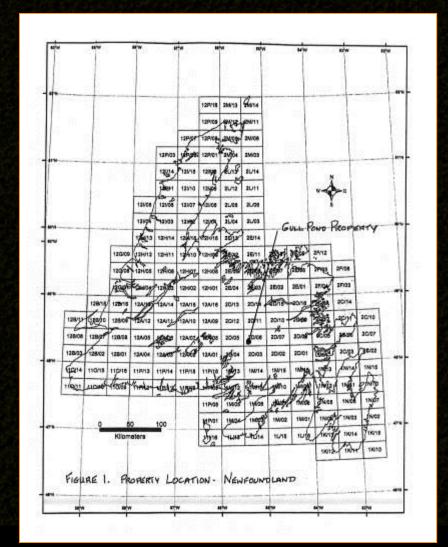
- Property Location Map (regional scale)
- License Location Map (local scale)
- Sample Location Map (detailed scale)



Property Location Map

Shows the location of your property on a regional scale

Blank copies are available from the Department



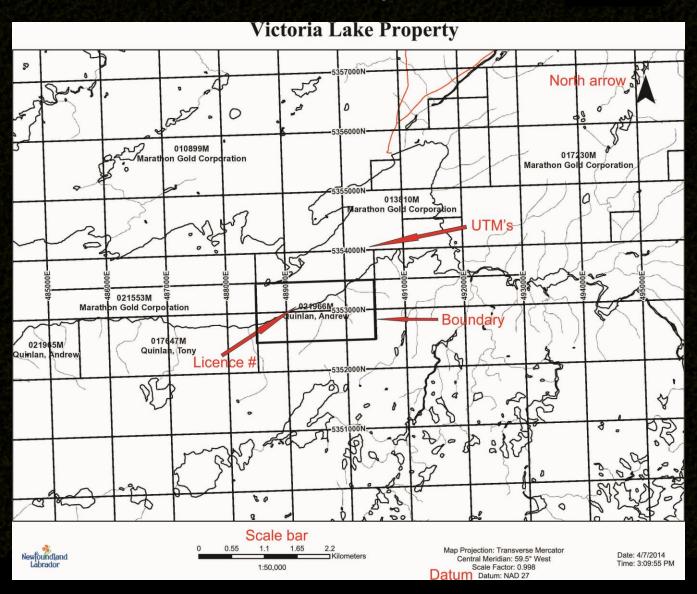


License Location Map

You can use the map attached to your License (use a copy, not the original)

Or, you can make a map from the Resource Atlas, as shown here

Note the important details in red





Sample Location Map



Can use a blow-up of your License Map or a topographic map



Appendices

Appendices come at the end of the report, and usually contain data, for example:

- Sample list with locations and brief descriptions
- Laboratory assay certificates
- Geochemical or geophysical survey data
- Expenditure list for work performed



SAMPLE LIST

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Sample # UTM E UTM N Description
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R01 630000 5364000 0.5 metre quartz float, minor py 632000 5365000 Rusty outcrop, quartz veins, cp etc.

py = pyrite, cp = chalcopyrite

• Ensure sample numbers are unique and consistent between location map, sample list and assay certificates



Assay Certificates

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Costs

Total costs should be listed, and then distributed by License if more than one License is being reported. Some typical items include:

- Prospecting
- Report and research
- Vehicle
- Quad
- Assays
- etc.

- (# days x \$100/day)
- (# days x \$100/day)
- (# days x \$60/day)
- (# days x \$40/day)
- (total from receipts)
- For allowable daily rates, refer to this page on the DNR website.
- Note that receipts should not be filed unless requested



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Department of Natural Resources website http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/

Geoscience Resource Atlas http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/

Matty Mitchell Room http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/mines/prospector/matty_mitchell/index.html