

NEWSLETTER Dec. 2 2009

MR. ERNIE ARMITT (DIRECTOR OF THE MINES BRANCH) WILL BE ADDRESSING OUR DEC. 2, 2009 MEETING. THE TOPIC WILL BE THE ISSUANCE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES AND WORK PERMITS.

THIS NEWSLETTER ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HAVING IN GETTING MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES.

THE TWO MAIN PROBLEM AREAS APPEAR TO BE:

- IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE PROVINCE WHERE MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS WERE MADE IN 2007 AND HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ISSUED.
- IN THE NORTHEAST SUPERIOR PROVINCE WHERE SEVERAL MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS MADE IN 2008 HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ISSUED.

FIGURE 1 SHOWS THE 'TRADITIONAL LAND USE' AREAS FOR THE VARIOUS NATIVE GROUPS. A VARIATION IN THE REQUISIT LEVEL OF "CONSULTATION" IS FREQUENTLY POINTED OUT AS THE REASON FOR THE DELAYS IN ISSUING MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES IN VARIOUS AREAS.

FIGURE 2 SHOWS THE PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE PROVINCE. THE FAILURE TO ISSUE LICENCES IN THIS AREA FOR THE LAST COUPLE YEARS HAS EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATED EXPLORATION IN THIS AREA. THE PROVINCE APPEARS TO HAVE ABANDONED ITS' OBLIGATION TO ADMINISTER THIS TERRITORY PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO THE MINERAL RIGHTS.

FIGURE 3 SHOWS THE SITUATION IN THE NORTHEAST-SUPERIOR PORTION OF THE PROVINCE. THINGS IN THIS AREA APPEAR MORE COMPLEX. SOME PERMITS ARE BEING ISSUED AND SOME NOT. THE RATIONAL HERE APPEARS CONFUSING.

IT IS IN OUR COLLECTIVE INTEREST TO BE INFORMED ON THESE MATTERS SO THAT WE CAN EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT EXPLORATION IN THE PROVINCE OR PROPERLY ADVISE CLIENTS WHO MAY WISH TO DO SO.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS INTENDED TO INFORM OUR MEMBERS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS COVERING THE ISSUANCE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES IN THE PROVINCE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO PRINT YOUR OWN COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND BRING IT TO THE DEC. 2 MEETING.

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TRADITIONAL LAND USE AREAS OF MANITOBA

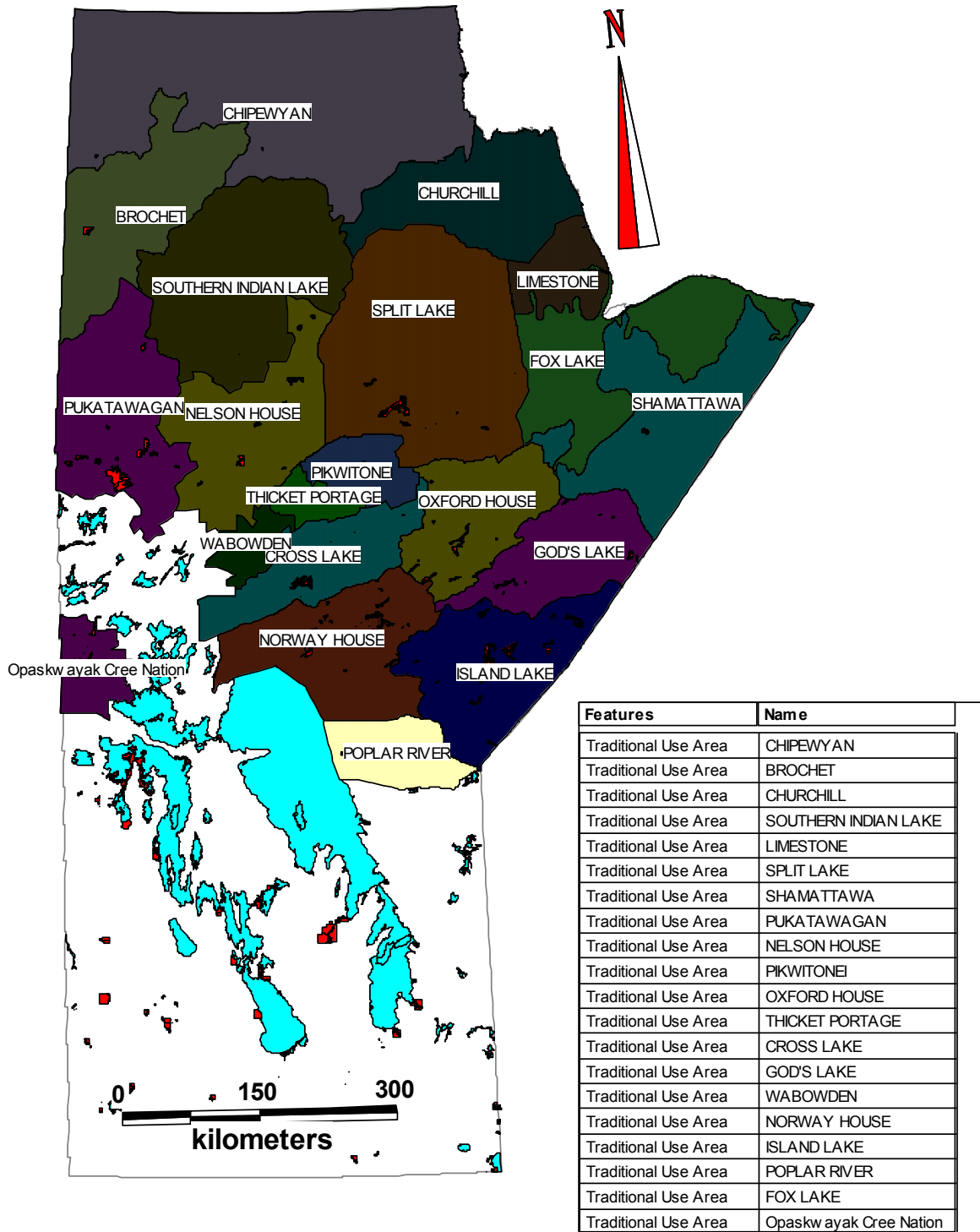


FIGURE 1 TRADITIONAL LAND USE AREAS IN MANITOBA

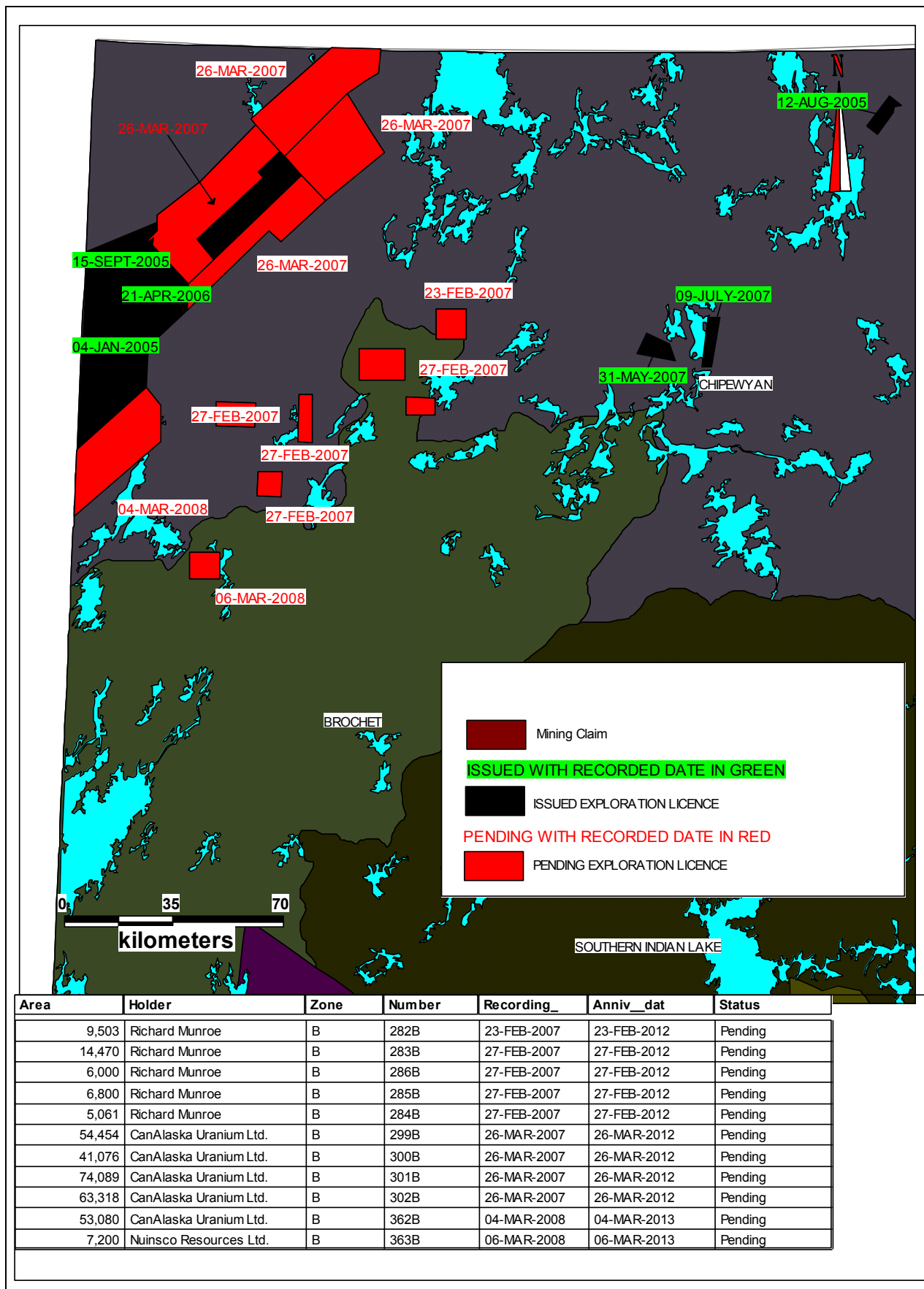


FIGURE 2 MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES IN NORTHWEST PART OF PROVINCE. NOTE NUMEROUS PENDING APPLICATIONS DATING BACK TO 2007.

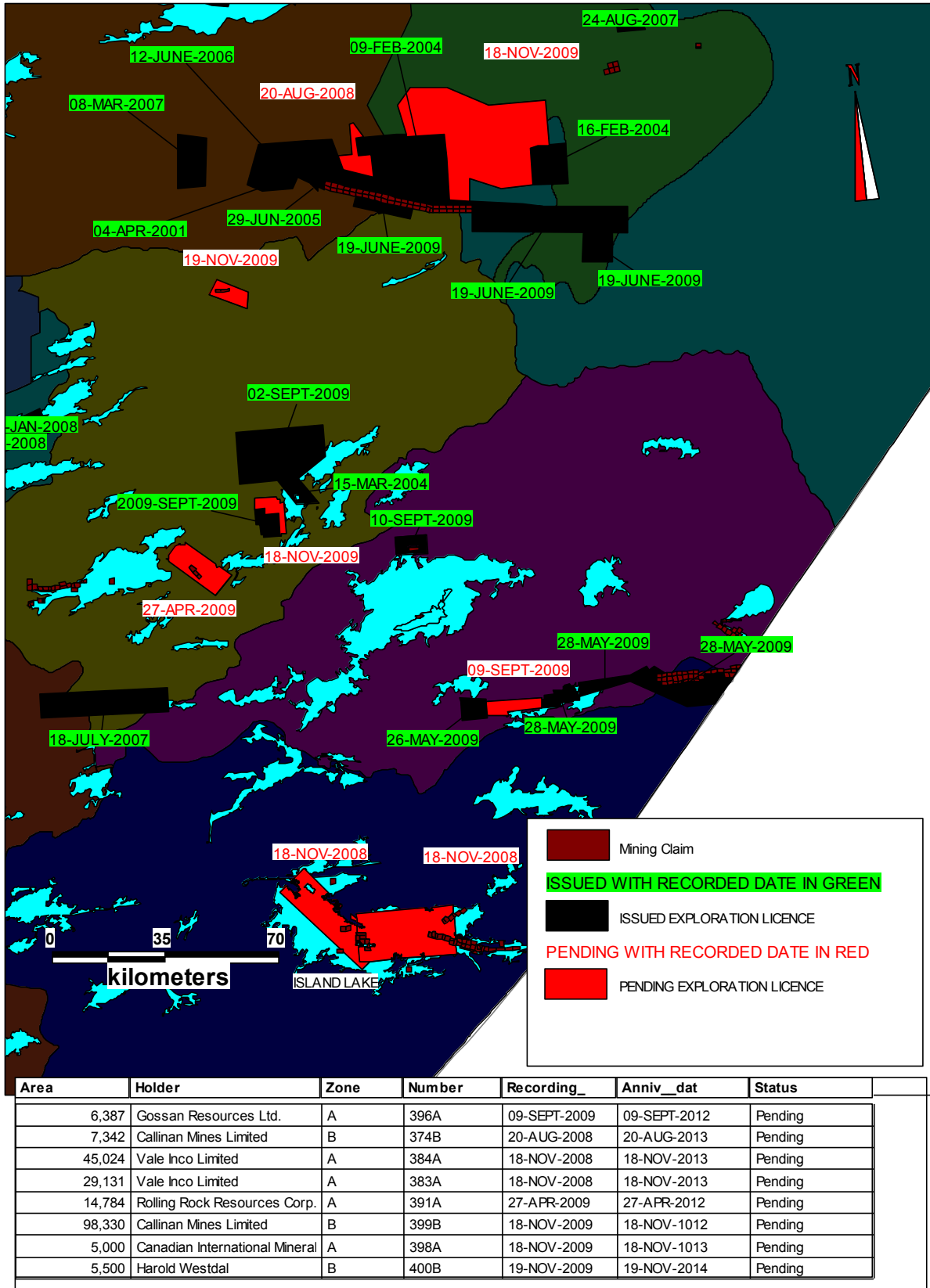


FIGURE 3 NORTHEAST-SUPERIOR PART OF PROVINCE; NOTE SOME OF THESE MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR OVER 1 YEAR ALREADY.