

Elliot Lake Inquiry Report release set for 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2014

OTTAWA, September 2, 2014 – The Honourable Paul Bélanger, Commissioner of the Elliot Lake Inquiry, announced today that he will release his final Report at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in Elliot Lake.

The release will take place at the Lester B. Pearson Centre, Highway 108. The release will be open to the public and to media. The Commissioner will make a statement but will not answer questions. Commission counsel will be available to respond to questions in English and French. The event will not be webcast.

A limited number of printed copies will be available in Elliot Lake. The Report will be available online at www.elliotlakeinquiry.ca.

A media lockup will precede the public release beginning at 8:30 a.m. Media wishing to attend should contact the Commission's media relations officer, Peter Rehak, at peter.rehak@elliotlakeinquiry.ca.

The Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry was established on July 19, 2012 by the Government of Ontario under the Public Inquiries Act, 2009. Its mandate was to inquire into and report on events surrounding the collapse on June 23, 2012, of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake, the deaths of Lucie Aylwin and Doloris Perizzolo and the injuries to other individuals as well as the emergency management and response. The Commission was also directed to review relevant legislation, regulations and bylaws, policies processes and procedures of provincial and municipal governments and other parties with respect to the structural integrity of the Algo Centre Mall and the emergency management and response. The Commission was directed to make recommendations to prevent such occurrences in the future.

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