

Public information meeting at Randijaur May 5th 2011

As our work progresses on the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for an Exploitation Licence and a test mining permit we arranged a public meeting at Randijaur which is near our Kallak Licences.

Jan-Ola Larsson and Fred Boman represented Beowulf.

For the EIS report for test mining we must arrange formal meetings to inform, discuss and consult with parties concerned such as local residents, land owners, reindeer herders, those with local hunting and fishing rights as well as with the local politicians, councils and authorities.

The rules state that a company should invite all interested parties 20 days in advance of the meeting and that we should keep notes on matters that arise at the meeting.

We invited people by letter and also by an advert in a local paper distributed in the Jokkmokk region.

We had assumed that 50 people would attend but were very pleasantly surprised to see approximately 100 at the meeting.

They were led by the Mayor of Jokkmokk and the head of the Jokkmokk community administration.

Jan-Ola and Fred distributed information leaflets and gave a 60 minute presentation which was then followed by some 75 minutes of questions over coffee and sandwiches.

The general feeling was that the community is in favour of the project with few expressions against the development of the Licences.

A local news reporter interviewed people at the meeting and the next day's article was favourable.

This is an encouraging start as it is just the first of a number of meetings we plan in the area so that all can see the benefits our project has for the local community while we, at the same time, listen to the community; our neighbours.

