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Subject: Cree Mineral Exploration Board

The Cree Mineral Exploration Board was created as a result of the signed agreement (Paix de Braves) between the Cree Nation and the Quebec Government. A five year implementation agreement was signed for funding purposes between the Cree Regional Authority, Cree Mineral Exploration Board and the Quebec Government.

The main purposes of CMEB includes amongst others the following:

- 1) assist the Crees in accessing mineral exploration opportunities;
- 2) facilitate the development of mineral exploration activities;
- 3) facilitate and encourage the access by the Crees and Cree Enterprises to regular Quebec program funding and other encouragements for mineral exploration activities;
- 4) Act as an entry mechanism for offers of services by Crees and Cree Enterprises in the field of mineral exploration.

Furthermore and according to the Annual Program of Activities – CMEB (2003-2004), the board promotes, initiate and support training programs, and furnish assistance to job development, placement. The CMEB provides also geological and geosciences based expertise to the communities and the individual exploration. This includes guidance to the geosciences data and environmental impacts assessment.

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Laying the Foundations for Clean, Low-Cost Energy

The push for more clean energy is underway. Yes, the world is still burning coal, oil and gas and creating enormous pollution as it does so. However, countries are also harnessing the wind, the sun and the ocean on an increasingly large scale to generate the energy we need. There's one other form of clean energy that's growing. It's a form that generates more power than all of the others put together and that's nuclear energy.

Unlike the other clean energy generators, nuclear has the capability to meet base-load power requirements, has a low operating cost and is fueled by something that Canada has a lot of... uranium. Canada is the world's second largest uranium producer and, in the province of Saskatchewan, you will find the richest uranium deposits on earth. You don't need much of it to run a nuclear reactor. In fact, just one uranium pellet, which is not much larger than a dime, generates the same amount of energy as 2000 lbs of coal or three barrels of oil. (insert graphic from presentation)

So it's not surprising that there is a nuclear reactor construction boom underway. Currently, there are 437 operable reactors around the world. At time of writing, 65 new reactors are already under construction, 165 more have been ordered or are planned and an additional 331 have been proposed. Today's nuclear energy sector is growing and it's growing fast.

The same can't be said for uranium production. While countries around the world are building new reactors, uranium producers are shutting down or reducing their operations and exploration for new uranium deposits has almost ceased entirely. The reason? Low uranium prices. They are so low that some producers cannot make enough to break even and so production and exploration has slowed dramatically.

This situation isn't going to last. The fundamentals of supply and demand means that at some point there'll be more power companies trying to buy uranium than there is actual uranium available. Exactly when that

will occur is up for debate but general consensus amongst industry experts points to between 2018 and 2020. Prices will rise and suddenly producers will be scrambling to increase production levels. For that, we're going to need new uranium deposits that can be turned into new mines.

Finding economic uranium deposits – those that will in time become mines – is one of the hardest tasks in the resource exploration industry. It may surprise you to know that uranium is actually one of the most abundant elements in the earth's crust. However, most uranium deposits are so low grade it's uneconomic to extract them. Once you do succeed in finding an economic deposit, you're looking at a very long road before you can turn it into a mine, due to one of the toughest permitting regimes in the mining industry. With an estimated ten years from discovery to production, uranium producers won't have time to find new deposits to meet increasing demand - they will have to scoop up those that have already been discovered.

How Uranium Measures Up



1 uranium pellet weighs approximately 7 grams (0.24 Oz). It can generate the same energy as:



3 Barrels of Oil



17,000 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas



2000 lbs of Coal

When that happens, there's a good chance it will be in Saskatchewan's Athabasca Basin region, where a discovery in 2012 by award-winning Canadian exploration company, Fission Uranium, has resulted in the largest undeveloped high-grade uranium resource in Canada – the Triple R deposit. In two years of drilling, this near-surface uranium deposit has become the jewel of the uranium sector and attracted interest from around the world.

The discovery has resulted in an exploration boom that has injected new life and energy into the local economy. This year, nearly \$54 million will be spent in the region, which in turn has created a level of demand for staff and services that hasn't been seen in the region for nearly 40 years – when the first major discoveries were being made in the Basin.

As the most active exploration company in the region, community support and development are important aspects of how Fission operates and the company's management and technical team have ties with the local community that stretch back as much as 30 years.

The company directly and indirectly through contractors employs over 80 skilled workers from the northern region– from

geology technicians and drillers to carpenters, truckers and security. The majority have been hired from the local community of La Loche. Thanks to Fission's success, there are many other exploration companies now active in the area, which has led to further employment for the community.

Fission's on site base of operations – Big Bear Camp - is the largest camp in the south west area of the Basin. It's run by members of the River Dene Nation and much of the camp's equipment, not to mention all of the team housing, is providing by companies from the local community. Employment isn't the only area Fission continues to deliver on. The company also sponsors educational programs for local youths and local sports teams.

Soon, the company will begin a new exploration program in aimed at making new discoveries and continuing to grow the Triple R deposit. An even bigger milestone for the company – and one which could potentially have a big impact on the local economy – is the preliminary economic assessment (often referred to as a PEA) that Fission has commissioned.

PEAs are scoping level studies into the economic viability of a mineral deposit. The

results of Fission's PEA will therefore help to determine the future of the Triple R deposit. The stakes for Fission, the company's shareholders and the local community are high. Should the results confirm that the Triple has strong economic potential it greatly increases the likelihood that it will eventually become a mine – leading to a major wave of job creation and employment over many years.

Nor would the development and benefits for the local community stop there. Fission's Triple R deposit lies in an underexplored area of the Athabasca Basin region. Although there used to be a mine and a mill at Cluff Lake, the mine was exhausted several years ago and the mill dismantled. With a high-grade mine at Triple R, there would almost certainly be reason to build a new mill.

The PEA results are expected early Fall this year and, with large quantities of high-grade mineralization near the surface of the property, Fission is confident that 'the numbers' will be positive. With the pressure for more uranium supply building, the future of uranium exploration and production in Saskatchewan is starting to look very promising.



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Carlisle Goldfields Limited ("Carlisle") is a gold exploration and development company focused on development of its Lynn Lake Gold Camp in Lynn Lake, Manitoba, Canada. Carlisle has NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimates on five (5) deposits within its Lynn Lake Gold Camp, four of which form the basis for the December, 2013 PEA (Farley Lake Mine Deposit, MacLellan Mine Deposit, Burnt Timber Mine Deposit, and Linkwood Deposit). The MacLellan and Farley Lake projects are among the highest grade open-pittable gold deposits in North America.

Highest open pit grade in North America

A recent NI 43-101 compliant optimized Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) reported on February 27, 2014 focused on an open pit mining and processing model for the historical Farley Lake Mine and MacLellan Mine deposits only. A private placement and Earn-in Joint Venture agreement was subsequently completed with AuRico Gold Inc. ("AuRico").

In Feasibility; Reserves by Q3/16

Strong economics in the optimized PEA were the incentive to Carlisle and its Joint Venture

Carlisle Goldfields Limited: A Gold Producer in the Making ...Where Infrastructure Meets Grade

Abraham Drost, President and CEO

partner Aurico to conduct a feasibility study on re-starting gold production at Lynn Lake. The vision is to build a 'best-in-class' mining operation on sustainable development of the high grade, open-pittable Farley Lake and MacLellan gold deposits in the past-producing Lynn Lake Gold Camp, Manitoba, Canada.

Strategic Partnership with AuRico Gold Inc. (AUQ:TSX)

Carlisle's objective, together AuRico, its government, municipal and First Nation project stakeholders, is to efficiently advance the Lynn Lake Gold Camp Project through bankable feasibility study, environmental and mine permitting to set the stage for resumption of gold production in the historical Lynn Lake mining camp, Manitoba.

Best Infrastructure & "Best In Class" Development Assets

Carlisle CEO Abraham Drost states that "We ultimately hope to share the benefits of new mine

development at the Lynn Lake Project with our First Nation partners, the community of Lynn Lake, Province of Manitoba and AuRico and Carlisle shareholders. We will demonstrate leadership by fostering a social license to operate and a credible technical approach to developing a robust mineral reserve which supports a construction decision."

Strong relationship with MCEN

Carlisle's First Nation partners, the Marcel Colomb First Nation ("MCFN") <Inset Logo> are supportive of the growth and ultimate development of the project. Carlisle has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and most recently signed an Exploration Agreement between the MCFN and AuRico/Alamos. Carlisle continues to look forward to the ongoing positive growth with their first nation partners as they move forward.

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Taking *positive* steps to manage his *diabetes*



"I was getting up four or five times every night to go to the bathroom," says Dwayne "Bubba" Vermette of Lethbridge, Alta. "I just couldn't quench my thirst." Plus, every time he bumped his arm or leg against a hard surface, he was in pain. These are all signs and symptoms of diabetes, but the 41-year-old from Lethbridge, Alta., ignored them.

That is, until his father-in-law told him to get checked after watching Bubba down a jug of iced tea at a restaurant. In 2007, Bubba was not only diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, but he was told that he'd also need insulin to manage his blood glucose (sugar) levels.

Trying to manage the disease led to depression. Bubba gained weight until he was over 300 pounds. It wasn't until he ended up in the hospital after a serious car accident that he realized that if he didn't make some changes, he says, "I wasn't going to continue being on earth for very long."

With the help of his wife, Erin, whose support, he says, has been invaluable, Bubba began to make healthy changes. He changed his diet to include healthier foods, started walking, and joined a weight loss program. In a year and a half, he lost 75 pounds, and he saw a huge improvement in his blood sugar and blood cholesterol levels.

Dr. Jan Hux, chief science officer for the Canadian Diabetes Association, says, "You don't have to get back to your Grade 12 weight. Even a slight weight loss lowers your risk of developing type 2 diabetes."

Bubba walks five kilometres a day, and for the past three years, he has walked 100



kilometres to raise money and awareness for the CDA. "Everyone knows about diabetes," he says, "but a lot of people don't fully understand how serious it can be."

Bubba is one of more than ten million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes. However, early detection and prevention can make a difference to people's health and quality of life. The CDA wants to share this message with Canadians living with undiagnosed diabetes or prediabetes and encourage them to complete the CANRISK diabetes test to find out their level of risk.

More information on diabetes, including how to take the CANRISK diabetes test, is available online at canrisk.diabetes.ca.

With files from Gabrielle Bauer

There are many signs and symptoms that can indicate diabetes.

Signs and symptoms can include the following:

- Unusual thirst
- Frequent urination
- Weight change (gain or loss)
- Extreme fatigue or lack of energy
- Blurred vision
- Frequent or recurring infections
- Cuts and bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet
- Trouble getting or maintaining an erection

If you have any of these symptoms, it is important to contact your health-care provider right away. Even if you don't have symptoms, if you are 40 or older, you should still get checked.

It is important to recognize, however, that many people who have type 2 diabetes may display no symptoms.

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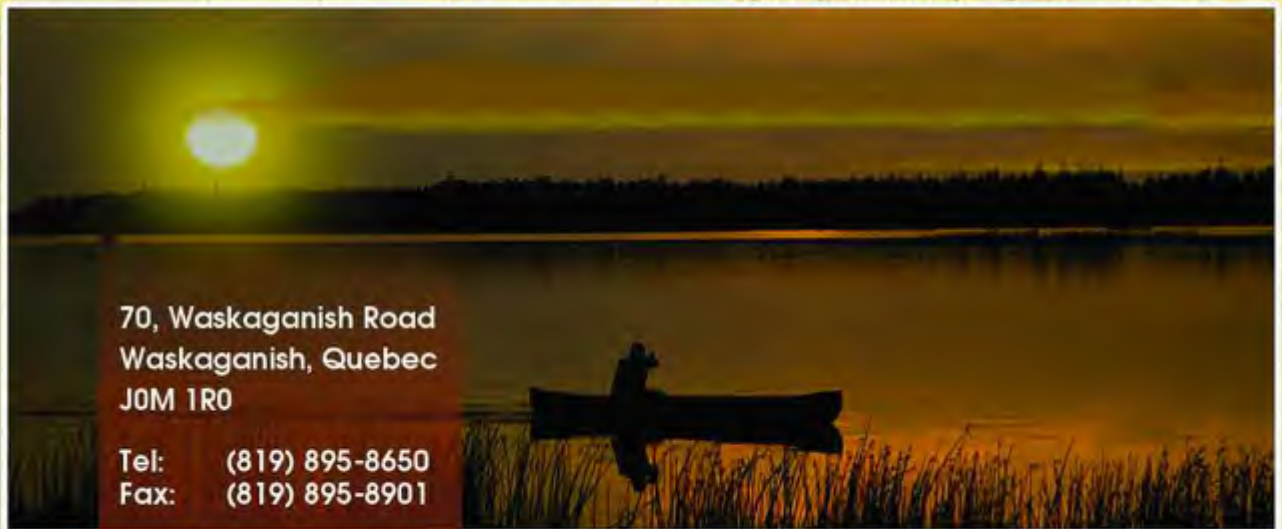


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Access to Territory:

The Cornerstone of Mining Development

By the Quebec Mining Exploration Association (QMEA)

The mining industry consists of a series of projects with several development phases. In the initial phases of studying and obtaining construction, operation and restoration permits, exploration plays a strategic role in mining development.

Mineral exploration, is for the entire mining sector, what research and development (R & D) is for the manufacturing sector. It provides information about Quebec's subsoil mineral potential, of which only 15% is currently known. It represents nearly 3,000 jobs in a variety of trades and is characterized by the number of exploration companies as well as suppliers of goods and services.

Investment is the riskiest phase of mining, although relatively modest compared with the risks of building a mining complex. These exploration companies are primarily financed on domestic and international stock markets, or by establishing participation agreements with larger mining companies.

Without exploration activities, there can be no development of a Quebec mineral industry, which contributes over \$7 billion to Quebec's gross domestic product (GDP) annually, and which generates over \$8 billion dollars in exports every year. Presently, Quebec is in urgent need of creating wealth in order to maintain the gains achieved by our community. The development of a sustainable mining industry is a key driving force in generating such wealth.

Investment appeal

2014 was particularly disastrous for the industry as a whole. Difficult economic cycles have forced Quebec's exploration SMEs to reduce the work required to advance their projects and the biggest companies had to cut their exploration programs. In 2014, Quebec

dropped to the 21st position out of 121 jurisdictions, after having occupied the number one position in 2009-2010 thanks to its balanced business environment. This blow to our international reputation is caused by the uncertainty surrounding public management of our mining industry.

Our industry faces critical challenges, including heavy-handed regulations applied arbitrarily, expected adjustments to the fiscal framework, the BAPE inquiry into the uranium industry, taxation costs for companies, as well as the uncertainty regarding the protection of territory and constraints to mining exploration. Although a new law was passed in December 2013, the industry is still waiting for regulations that will set the framework for its implementation.

The potential of Northern Quebec

The development of this vast territory offers unparalleled opportunity to secure positive and sustainable economic development for our communities. The Plan Nord has huge potential, but considerable effort over the very long term is needed to locate areas of interest. Unlike biodiversity inventories, mineral potential cannot be identified through surface studies alone.

We now know that 20% of the Plan Nord territory, an area covering 240,000 km², will be protected. By comparison, our internal studies indicate that all active mines in Quebec amount to 90 km². Realistically, 10 new deposits could be developed over the next 25 years for an estimated value of \$54 billion (assuming a 20-year operating period for each). This is a major contribution to the Quebec economy, which could be achieved on less than 0.03% of the territory.

Currently, the Government's desire is to provide various protection mechanisms on

50% of the Plan Nord territory before 2030, which appears incongruous in a balanced sustainable development perspective. How can we believe that a few years is enough to identify the mineral potential of the 1.2 million km² covering the Plan Nord territory given that in 100 years of mining activities in the Abitibi region, which covers 65,000 km², spectacular discoveries are still being made? It is therefore illusory to think that the mineral potential of such a vast territory can be defined over a short period of time.

The development of Quebec's mineral resources undoubtedly requires the establishment of a balance between prosperity and economic efficiency, social progress and environmental protection; there is no contradiction between research and exploitation of mineral resources and adequate protection of the territory.

Here are the six main phases for developing a mining project:

- **Prospecting:** this phase includes identifying mineralized zones by searching for soil indicators and analyzing data
- **Exploration:** this stage includes drilling activities, modeling, biophysical characterization, etc.
- **Study and permits:** this is the phase of the deposit's evaluation, conducting feasibility studies, engineering and acquisition of permits
- **Construction:** this is the phase of mining complex construction and related infrastructure
- **Operation:** 7 to 30-year useful life, it's the start of production and the only phase for generating income.
- **Rehabilitation and Monitoring:** implementation phase of restoration plan, following the closure

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Developing the oil and gas potential of eastern Quebec with confidence

« Not that long ago, the idea of prospecting for oil in Quebec would have been seen as a vision of dreamers. Today, developing the oil and gas potential of eastern Quebec is a top economic priority. » says Alexandre Gagnon, President and CEO at Pétrolia.

By drawing attention to the massive potential of Anticosti Island, Pétrolia has been instrumental in this change of attitude. And because of its potential impact on the Quebec economy, Pétrolia has attracted more media attention than a junior oil company normally would.

Quebec, along with a handful of countries that includes the U.S., is in the uniquely privileged position of being able to reduce its dependence on energy imports. Energy independence is a powerful economic driver that would provide Quebec with a clear competitive advantage. Pétrolia, which holds permits to over 70% of the province's land-based oil potential, could play a key role in the economic growth that would flow from developing this valuable resource.

A realistic goal

Pétrolia's goal is to create a full-fledged oil and gas company in Quebec capable of meeting the province's oil needs by tapping into Quebec's own resources. This goal is now more realistic than ever. The Quebec government recently expressed its willingness to allow oil and gas production in the province.

This position, clearly reiterated several times, could mark a turning point for Pétrolia. Confirmation of Haldimand's, Bourque's and Anticosti's potential would be

a defining moment in Quebec's history and pave the way to tremendous growth opportunities for Pétrolia.

Through its work, Pétrolia has acquired enviable technical expertise and knowledge with few parallels in Quebec. Our vision and approach are both original and innovative, forming the foundation on which to build a full-fledged oil and gas company that can play a key role in Quebec's economic development.

A look at the Bourque project

At the very east of the Gaspé Peninsula, the Bourque property, located 30 km east of the town of Murdochville, is a significant discovery for Pétrolia. In April 2013, after the drilling results from 2012 were analyzed, the independent firm Sproule Associates estimated the volume of wet natural gas initially in place in four prospects in the Bourque property to be more than a thousand billion cubic feet. This potential



discovery adds interest to Pétrolia's other permits in the Gaspé Peninsula, where similar geological conditions exist.

Reservoir zones were discovered during the drilling of the Bourque 1 and Bourque 2 wells, and Pétrolia set out to evaluate their potential. The commercial potential of the natural gas, condensates, and oil in this naturally fractured zone was confirmed in April 2013, giving rise to a new exploration target.

Oil and gas production in the region would promote substantial economic growth due to raw material processing and the influx of other industries to the region. One of Pétrolia's priorities is to ensure that local communities benefit from the economic spinoffs generated by the exploration, and ultimately production, of oil and gas.

Despite the fact that oil industry services are still underdeveloped in Quebec, the economic spinoffs of the Bourque 1 drilling are calculated at \$2.6 million province-wide, of which more than 45% has benefited workers and companies in the Gaspé Peninsula.

Drilling work

The drilling work on the Bourque 1 well started on July 19, 2012, and reached a depth of 3,140 meters (2,921 vertical meters). Numerous wet natural gas shows were recorded during the drilling, and drill-stem tests yielded wet gas at the surface. Drilling of the Bourque 2 well was completed on December 13, 2012, and reached a depth of 2,680 meters. The well indicated the existence of two zones, each approximately 300 m thick, displaying reservoir

characteristics. Two of the three drill-stem tests yielded natural gas, and light oil mixed with drilling mud was recovered.

A work program based on the recommendations from Sproule Associates is being drawn up. The objective of the work will be to identify the production characteristics of the Forillon Formation and confirm its reserves. The next stage in developing the Bourque project involves production tests and the drilling of a third well.

TUGLIQ Energy and Petrolia Join Force

November 2014: sharing the Quebec North Shore's ambition to ensure its industrial development with a safe and effective supply of liquid natural gas (LNG), Pétrolia and TUGLIQ Energy signed an exclusive partnership that could become the major LNG supply chain for the North Shore.

Currently, 100% of the natural gas consumed in Quebec comes from outside the province. That is \$1 billion lost to Quebec and which is directed elsewhere. As with electricity rates, a supply of gas at a stable set price over long periods, in particular through the development of the Bourque project, would be an unprecedented catalyst for Quebec's industrial development. The environment will also benefit from the substitution of oil, diesel, coke and other fuels with natural gas, which will help the governments reach their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets.

Insofar as it gains the requisite government approvals, TUGLIQ Energy has committed to distribute the gas produced by Pétrolia from its Bourque permits in Gaspé. The gas will be delivered to the North Shore by a seaway

network. The 15-year agreement gives Pétrolia the potential to develop the Bourque project in Gaspé. Located midway between Murdochville and Grande-Vallée, the project has the support of the local authorities in Gaspé.

A liquefaction barge

Tugliq proposes to use a liquefaction barge. The unit will supply small-sized transport barges with just-in-time delivery to the consumer to minimize the need for storage on land. Ultimately, this agreement will provide TUGLIQ with the raw material it needs to supply its industrial clients on the North Shore and in Northern Quebec.

For the industrial clients on the North Shore and those wishing to join the Plan Nord's development, this partnership between TUGLIQ and Pétrolia represents an extraordinary opportunity for both companies.

"We know that there is work ahead, but thanks to the contribution of all parties and by following a strict timeline we are well-positioned to implement this agreement. I am elated to see Gaspé's hydrocarbons contribute to the North Shore's mining development, and vice-versa. An energy link between the south and north of the Saint Lawrence will drive Gaspé's economic diversification while providing a stable, safe supply to the North Shore industries at predictable prices," said Pétrolia President and CEO Alexandre Gagnon.

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Osisko is committed to promoting the best interests of our workforce and surrounding communities. Social values through a focus on safety, knowledge and culture are the three elements we defend. They reflect our corporate values and the values of the communities where we live and explore.

Since 20 years, Osisko's goal is to develop a constructive long-term relationship with the communities living on the territory. Its philosophy is to keep local Aboriginal communities fully informed of its activities. The company has innovated by implementing a communication system with the Cree communities of Québec ? Band Council and Chief, the Economic Development Officer, the tallyman, the CTA? in order for them to address their concerns.

Osisko's concern to commit to long-term relationships with Native communities is reflected in different spheres, notably in social hiring of native people for mining exploration on the territory, and information sessions within communities on a regular basis. Trappers and communities give us

access to territories and in return we contribute to the economic resurgence of the communities where we carry out exploration.

For Osisko, having good relations with Aboriginals and participating in the sustainable development rhyme with success. The company is among the first ones to favour integration of strict practices of sustainable development and social responsibility in mining in Québec and Canada. Osisko has provided for its field staff with three codes of conduct that establish clear guidelines with regards to environment, community relations and health and safety.

Being in constant communication with this entourage, Osisko's team remains at the forefront of the development process of environmental conservation measures. Through its direct involvement in the creation of the Fonds Restor-Action Nunavik, which is a partnership initiative between the Québec Government, the mining industry and the Inuit community to rehabilitate abandoned mining sites and former outfitters in northern

Québec, Osisko is proactive in sustainable development.

Osisko understands the importance of building positive relationships with Aboriginal people. We are committed to ensuring that our activities provide benefits to local First Nations and Métis communities by supporting education and training programs, providing employment, identifying business development opportunities, and participating in cultural activities.

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Permitting and Responsible Mining on the Horizon in Cree Territory

Members of the Cree Community of Nemaska were out in numbers on March 30th and 31st, 2015 to show their support for the Whabouchi Lithium Mine Project that is to be developed in the Cree Territory. Over this two day period, the provincial Quebec Review Committee (COMEX) held its public hearings on the Nemaska Lithium Whabouchi Mine Project. Two full days were set aside for the hearings, providing an opportunity for local residents to express their views on the project's environmental and social impacts. The public hearings were very well attended by the members of the local community and the crowd was overwhelmingly in favour of the mine. In fact, many locals brought signs of support for the project, which is scheduled to be developed into a world class lithium mine in 2017. According to COMEX members, such levels of support are virtually unheard of and the committee was surprised to read signs calling for action to issue permits.

The COMEX consultations mark the final step before making a recommendation to the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and The Fight Against Climate Change to issue the general certificate of authorization required to build and operate the Whabouchi Mine. Nemaska Lithium is anticipating the certificate of authorization by mid-summer 2015. This is the second round of public consultation for the Whabouchi mining project. The first was held by the Canadian environmental review agency in November 2013. At that time three days were set aside to provide residents with a forum for voicing their concerns and opinions on building a lithium mine in the area. As with

the COMEX hearings, the residents showed up in support of the project.

"We are extremely proud to have completed this last crucial step in the development of the Whabouchi project, commented Guy Bourassa, President and CEO. We now expect that the decision relating to the granting of the general certificate of authorization will be made during the summer of 2015. This mine will create about 185 permanent jobs in the region. We are planning training programs in preparation for operation start-up. As we have mentioned on numerous occasions, our goal for this mining project is to create maximum jobs and business opportunities for the Crees, in particular the Crees of Nemaska, as well as for the Chibougamau-Chapais region."

The Whabouchi Lithium project lies just 25 km away from the Cree Village of Nemaska. Once the mine is in production its proximity to the community offers a source of new employment for the area and represents an economic boom for the region from job creation, profit sharing and spin off industries that will be created by the project. Up to 250 temporary jobs will be created during the mine construction phase with 185 permanent positions expected once the mine is fully operational. Heavy equipment operators, blasters, drillers, process operators, mechanics, transport truck drivers and catering in addition to multiple other services will be needed by the mining operation. Spin off industries are also expected to positively impact the area. Further jobs are expected to be created through spin off industries that will support the mine once operational.

All of this economic benefit to the area would not have been possible without the signing of the Social Economic Partnership Agreement (the "Chinuchi Agreement") that is paving the way for the development and construction of North America's richest hard rock lithium mine.

The Chinuchi Agreement is a binding agreement that governs the long-term working relationship between Nemaska Lithium and the Cree parties during all phases of the Whabouchi Lithium Project. It was signed in November 2014 by Grand Chief Dr. Matthew Coon Come of the Grand Council of Crees, Chief Matthew Wapachee of the Cree Nation of Nemaska and Guy Bourassa, President and CEO of Nemaska Lithium.

During the ceremony Grand Chief Dr. Matthew Coon Come commented "Through the conclusion of the Chinuchi Agreement with Nemaska Lithium, the Crees have proven once again that they can be excellent partners in natural resources development. Nemaska Lithium should be commended in recognizing and ensuring that this partnership is founded on mutual trust, protection of the environment and respect of Cree rights and traditional way of life."

"Nemaska Lithium is proud to be in partnership with the Cree, commented Bourassa. "Together we are building an environmentally responsible and economically sound lithium mine that will not only positively change the area but also has the potential, through lithium batteries, to change the world. It's an exciting time for the Company, the Cree Community and the Province of Quebec."

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Are you prepared for summer?

Tips to stay safe and smart on the water

With summer finally arriving in Canada, many of us will be heading to the water for boating or swimming to help beat the heat. While there's much to enjoy about Canada's waterways, the Canadian Red Cross is reminding people to have fun, but to stay safe.

Tragically, on average, 525 Canadians drown every summer. Residents of aboriginal communities are at higher risk of drowning because many First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities are located close to rivers, lakes and oceans and because of the variety of activities taking place in, on and around the water; from boat travel to fishing and swimming.

The Canadian Red Cross is sharing the following tips to help you and your loved ones stay safe on the water this summer.

Strong Currents

For communities located on or near water, strong currents and cold temperatures can pose a risk that isn't always obvious by eye. Canadian Red Cross water safety spokesperson, Shannon Scully-Pratt, has some advice to keep in mind if you find yourself in danger. "The best thing to do if you get caught in a current is to roll onto your back and float with your feet downstream. Once you're out of the strongest part of the current swim straight toward shore."

As for cold water, if you find yourself taking an unexpected and frigid swim, the best thing to do is conserve body heat. "If you have a floating object or are wearing a life jacket you can use the HELP (Heat Escape Lessening Position) position to keep your body temperature up and conserve energy. Start by folding your arms across your chest, pulling your life jacket close to your body then press

your thighs together, bend your knees and raise them slightly," said Scully-Pratt.

Life Jackets and Safe Boating

Life jackets have been heralded for their life saving abilities for decades, but they still are not worn by the majority of Canadian boaters. According to a Red Cross report, on average, 161 boating related deaths occur in Canada each year and nearly 90 per cent of those who drown are not, or not properly, wearing a life jacket.

It seems that confusion around when to wear a lifejacket and what is required by law have something to do with why boaters are not being saved by the buoyant vests. The law requires boaters have a life jacket on board for each passenger. However, less than half of Canadians actually keep life jackets on board and for those who do, even less are putting them on because they think they will have time to grab them in an emergency. Unfortunately, this is not the case. "The best place for a life jacket is on your body when you're on a boat. Accidents can happen in a

split second and do not leave time for you to grab one and put it on," said Scully-Pratt.

Who is at risk?

While safe habits in and around water should be a priority for everyone, a Red Cross report discovered that there are two age groups who pose a higher risk of water fatalities: children between the ages of one and four and men aged 15-34.

By nature, children are high energy, curious busy bodies that require parents to shadow their every move. It is an ongoing and often exhausting task but supervision is key to water safety for children. The Red Cross found that a lack of supervision contributed to 80 per cent of child water fatalities. "In a matter of seconds a small child can drown in only a few centimeters of water, just enough to cover the mouth and nose," said Scully-Pratt. "That's why it's so important to make sure parents are watching children at all times when they are around sources of water, including puddles, ditches, the bath tub and the beach."





Alcohol also poses a threat when mixed with water activities. “Alcohol can provide a false sense of confidence and promote risky behaviour which, when it comes to water,

poses a great risk,” said Scull-Pratt. Her advice? Simply don’t mix water activities and alcohol.

For more tips on how to stay safe in, on or around the water, visit redcross.ca

DISASTERS CAN HAPPEN ANY TIME,

often without warning. In Canada, many First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and some remote northern communities deal with forest fires and floods every year.

When community members are prepared, they are better able to cope with an emergency and they help to make their community more disaster-resilient. Follow the three simple steps below to ensure you and your family are prepared in the event of an emergency.

1 KNOW THE RISKS

Learn about the types of emergencies that could happen in the area where you live.

2 MAKE A PLAN

Prepare a plan so that in an emergency, you and your family will know what to do.

3 GET A KIT

Prepare a home emergency preparedness kit in the event an emergency situation confines you to your home for a period of time. Also, prepare a ‘grab and go’ bag for you and your family members that can be taken with you in the event you have to evacuate. These two kits will help ensure you and your family remain healthy and safe during an emergency.



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Working with First Nations Clients: A Guide for Addictions Professionals

By Elva Keip

Substance abuse is found in communities across Canada and, while they are no exception, First Nations communities come with their own unique circumstances and needs. Because of this, counselling and treatment cannot take a one-size-fits-all approach.

It was for this very reason that the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) joined forces with the National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation (NNAPF) to broadly consult and create a First Nations guide to support the addictions workforce when working with First Nations clients.

Designed by the First Nations community for the First Nations community, the Technical Competencies Guide to Working with First Nations Clients was published early in 2015. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the Technical Competencies Report, published in 2014.

The guide stands as a complement to the full resource, Competencies for Canada's Substance Abuse Workforce, available on the CCSA website (www.ccsa.ca).

"During focus groups to validate the content and tone of the draft technical competencies, we received feedback that 'These are great, but you're missing some elements that really matter to First Nations clients,'" explains project lead Elva Keip. "We took that feedback to heart and it became our motivation to produce the First Nations guide."

Michael Martin, NNAPF research manager, elaborates: "Feedback from First Nations

partners indicated that the existing competencies were not inclusive enough, did not acknowledge the additional traumas experienced by many First Nations people, did not incorporate the mental wellness approach that is integral to First Nations, and did not reflect cultural principles derived from Indigenous knowledge."

NNAPF was willing to help resolve the issue, drawing upon two of its resources, Honouring Our Strengths: A Renewed Framework to Address Substance Abuse Issues among First Nations People in Canada (HOS) and Indicators to Assess Cultural Competencies along HOS Renewal System Elements, to apply culturally relevant knowledge.

NNAPF provided additional descriptions for some of the competencies and created relevant behaviour indicators where needed (see diagram) to correlate with an Indigenous person's lifelong journey to balance body, mind and spirit with self-esteem, personal dignity and cultural identity.

Complementary to the First Nations guide, CCSA has produced Behavioural Competencies as well as Technical Competencies and related tools to help the substance abuse workforce support clients more effectively.

In simple terms, Technical Competencies are the "what" requirements to successfully perform one's job; they include specific functions such as "counselling" and are sometimes known as "hard" skills. Behavioural Competencies are the "how" of

performing a job and are sometimes known as "soft" skills. Interpersonal rapport/savvy is one example of a Behavioural Competency. Each competency has four levels of proficiency, from introductory to advanced, making these resources applicable at any stage of one's career.

"The overall goal is to increase the quality and consistency of care that Canadians receive when they have substance use issues," emphasized Ms. Keip.

The Technical Competencies Guide to Working with First Nations Clients, along with the other documents in the Competencies for Canada's Substance Abuse Workforce, is available on CD upon request by emailing competencies@ccsa.ca.

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The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse changes lives by bringing people and knowledge together to reduce the harm of alcohol and other drugs on society. We partner with public, private and non-governmental organizations to improve the health and safety of Canadians.

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Good things are growing *in* Ontario's greenbelt

by *David Suzuki*

More than half the planet's people now live in urban areas. The need to supply food, shelter, fresh water and energy to billions of urban residents is resulting in loss of farmland, forests, wetlands and other ecosystems, as well as the critical ecological services they support, like providing food, clean air and drinking water.

Almost half of Canada's urban base is on land that only a few generations ago was being farmed. According to Statistics Canada, nearly four million hectares of farmland — an area larger than Vancouver Island — were lost from 1971 to 2011, mostly due to urbanization.

A growing number of jurisdictions have responded by enacting strong land-use policies to protect farmland and green space through sound urban planning. In the 1970s, Oregon's government imposed strict urban-growth boundaries around a number of cities, including Portland. As a result, growth in the city was confined to existing built-up areas, thereby preventing development from spilling out to farmers' fields. Many developers and businesspeople fought the plan, arguing it would hurt the economy, but Portland is now recognized as one of the most livable cities on the continent. It has facilitated densification, improved walkability and decreased the cost of energy and transportation for homes and businesses.



David Suzuki

In Canada, Ontario has enacted the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to encourage towns and cities to grow upwards through densification rather than outwards through car-dependent urban sprawl. Ontario has also established a two-million-acre greenbelt of protected farmland and green space, which wraps around the Greater Golden Horseshoe's major towns and cities, including Toronto, Hamilton, Markham and Burlington.

Ontario's government is reviewing the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan, along with two other adjoining land-use plans, which work together to manage growth, protect the natural environment and support economic development. This coordinated review process offers an opportunity to examine modern land-use planning and assess whether Ontario's approach to managing growth should be applied to other towns and cities facing similar urban pressures.

A major outcome of the plans has been their success in protecting farmland from development and revitalizing Southern Ontario's agricultural industry. The greenbelt alone, comprising just over 20 per cent of the region, generates more than \$9 billion in annual revenue to local economies, producing a bounty of fruits and vegetables, beef, pork, dairy, honey and award-winning wines.

David Suzuki Foundation research shows the greenbelt's farmland and green spaces also provide an estimated \$2.6 billion annually in non-market benefits, such as water filtration by watersheds. This saves local municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars they would otherwise have to spend on water infrastructure and treatment facilities.

The Growth Plan and greenbelt also encourage smarter urban growth in the region through more efficient use of available land — which in turn reduces the amount and cost of infrastructure and supports public transit. A recent report by urban

planning group the Neptis Foundation found urban expansion has slowed since plans were implemented. From 1991 to 2001, the footprint of Toronto and surrounding suburbs grew by 26 per cent to accommodate about 1.1 million new residents. Between 2001 and 2011 it expanded by just 10 per cent to accommodate roughly the same number of newcomers.

Although the Greenbelt Plan is curbing sprawl and protecting farmland and green space, it's far from secure — and the remaining 80 per cent of the region's farmland and natural systems remain unprotected. Proposed highways, pipelines, hydro corridors and sprawling, car-dependent subdivisions could fragment natural and agricultural systems and enable leapfrog development outside the greenbelt's borders — with extensive land speculation in expectation of the type of sprawl these plans were intended to prevent. Environmentalists have joined farmers and local food advocates to urge Ontario's government to strengthen regulatory protection for the greenbelt and to expand it.

Canada's towns and cities are at a crossroads. One path leads to continued low-density, sprawling urban expansion, with endless pavement, long commutes and traffic jams, and the high social and ecological costs of wasteful forms of urban design. The other path ends sprawl by creating compact, higher-density communities with mid-rise housing and access to public transit, bike paths and walking trails, surrounded by precious farmland and green spaces like Ontario's renowned greenbelt. What kind of cities do you want?

To support the Ontario Greenbelt, go to <http://action2.davidsuzuki.org/greenbelt>.

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Focus Graphite

and the Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam Innu First Nation

Potential Partners in a Northern Quebec Technology Graphite Project

by Don Baxter

Focus Graphite's Lac Knife, Quebec mining development project is seen as something of a novelty in the Fermont community – a small crystalline graphite deposit encircled by the largest iron ore mining projects in North America.

The Lac Knife Project is not only novel, it is critical to a material world in the throes of change - a change that encourages industries to embrace and apply the values of environmental sustainability throughout their supply chains.

Clean, renewable energy is the new petroleum, according to one market observer who used Tesla Motors electric vehicles and trans-continental network of battery charging stations as a model for nations to follow.

Germany and Japan are committed to building out their renewable energy infrastructures and Hydro-Quebec has taken a leadership role in the Province of Quebec to expand its renewable energy network.

Lac Knife is Important

High purity graphite, when combined with lithium and other minerals and metals form the foundational components for renewable energy production and storage. Lac Knife's flake graphite deposit holds unique physical characteristics and attributes that result in high performing technology applications.

Lac Knife's graphite is a proven source for clean, fuel cell energy generation. And in May 2014, Focus demonstrated that purified spherical graphite produced from its own, proprietary processing technologies resulted in an extremely high performing lithium ion battery.

It is precisely why Focus Graphite's industrial focus rests on future production from Lac Knife for low-cost, high purity technology graphite materials and value added spherical graphite for the renewable energy sectors.

Today, Focus Graphite Inc. is an advanced,

technology-oriented graphite mining and processing enterprise with high grade mineral reserves and technical capabilities for producing spherical graphite (SPG) to meet the most exacting customer specifications. Focus also holds a significant equity position in graphene applications developer Grafoid Inc.

In late 2014, Focus transitioned out of the exploration stage to a mining development company. With one long-term offtake agreement in hand, Focus anticipates additional graphite sales-purchase agreements to be signed with battery manufacturers during 2015.

The company's Feasibility Study shows the Lac Knife Project is economically viable and has the potential to become one of the world's lowest cost graphite producers based on 7.86 million tonnes of proven and probable reserves grading at 15.13% Cg.

Common sense, respect for the environment, job creation and, participation in the Fermont community remain key elements to Focus Graphite's long-term success.

Planting Roots in the Community

On October 28, 2014, Focus announced the signing of a Pre-Development Agreement ("PDA") with the Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam Innu ("ITUM") First Nation Band Council, for the Lac Knife Mine Development Project some 30 km south of Fermont, in north-eastern Québec.

The intent of ITUM-Focus agreement is to enter into a collaborative relationship in order to better understand the impacts of the project and to incorporate ITUM's concerns into the Lac Knife mine development project planning.



The Rail-to-Seaport Link

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An ore sample from the Lac Knife Project

(Photo Courtesy of Focus Graphite)

More, however, the agreement lays the groundwork for future negotiations that could pave the way to a long-term partnership for the sustainable development of Focus Graphite's planned value added graphite plant in the Sept Îles community.

Focus believes the introduction of environmentally sustainable technologies brings additional value to its operations and, of course, the spillover benefits to the community, all the while working with ITUM to address the community's social needs and supporting its long term vision and aspirations.

Participation in this project offers the potential added value of this second transformation to spherical graphite used in Li-ion batteries that will help to enable the electrification of transportation and other green technologies as well as creating more jobs in the secondary transformation sector.

These are key interests with respect to the Plan Nord in Québec. Both the mine site and the spherical graphite production plant would be powered by Hydro Québec's low cost and low carbon footprint sustainable energy sources.

Test results published in May, 2014 on Lac Knife's value added spherical graphite confirmed extremely high performing materials for use in lithium ion batteries. During the Project Finance phase for the construction of the Lac Knife mine and plant facilities, the secondary transformation opportunity will undergo a feasibility study

Chief Mike McKenzie of ITUM described the agreement as, "an important first step in my community's assessment of the Lac Knife project."

He said among other measures, the agreement includes a welcome contribution from Focus Graphite to help offset the important costs associated with analyzing mining projects.

"I also salute Focus' interest in partnering with my community and note that the company's link to green technologies could prove to be an interesting sustainable partnership opportunity for the Innu of Uashat mak Mani-utenam," Chief McKenzie said.

Towards Financing and Permitting

Having met its regulatory milestones during 2014, Focus is currently at the Project

Finance stage and anticipates multiple announcements during 2015 related to those discussions and, for the conclusion of discussions related to potential offtake agreements with international graphite buyers.

Focus made mining history in late 2013, becoming the first graphite developer to sign a long-term graphite sales-purchase agreement with a Chinese industrial conglomerate.

On December 1, 2014, Focus filed its Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Lac Knife Project – a significant milestone and an important contributor to the company's ongoing efforts to de-risk the Lac Knife Project's development.

The ESIA, filed with the Ministère du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les Changements Climatiques, is the main document used to communicate and discuss details of the project to all concerned regulators and community stakeholders regarding the project's impact, risk mitigation, and potential benefits.

The company is currently working with ministry officials to acquire its final permitting Decree from the Quebec government.

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To attempt to summarize the history of our Aboriginal Peoples and their contribution to Canada's rich military heritage in a short article is simply impossible. The writer simply wishes to invite the reader's curiosity in this important piece of our living history and expresses the hope also that today's youth generation would be curious and find out more.

From the First and Second World Wars to the Korean war and more recent conflicts they have fought overseas to defend the cause of peace in addition to supporting the effort at home. In peace keeping operations around the world, Aboriginal-Canadians in uniform have served with equity, resolve, dignity and magnanimity. Their acts of heroism and bravery have achieved many decorations and earned them the respect and recognition of their non Aboriginal brothers in arms.

With over 1,800 First Nations, Inuit and Metis serving today in the Canadian Forces, the cultural diversity of the Aboriginal military community is without parallel. They

represent some 640 distinct bands, sharing common beliefs and practices yet retaining their own distinctives in a military family that speaks at least 55 languages.

In addition there is a volunteer force known as the Canadian Rangers who are geographically located mainly in the northern territories. Over 50% of the Rangers comprise Aboriginals. According to a 2007 report there were approximately 4,200 Rangers in 163 patrols across Canada organized in five Canadian Ranger Patrols and the number now is likely considerably

more. The work of the Rangers is of significant importance to the Canadian military. They are a unique force who are organized nationally and locally. They have no military uniform and function in some of the harshest environments utilizing traditional weather protection gear. They do however have weaponry, communications and other tools that help them 'to provide a military presence in those sparsely settled northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada which cannot conveniently or economically be provided by other components of the Canadian forces.'

In my work with Your Life Counts I have had opportunity to learn much more of the work and calling of our Aboriginal-Canadians in the military. In more recent times there has been increased media coverage of the collateral damage caused in military and veteran families through the effects of post traumatic stress syndrome and operational stress injury among others. These are by no means new to the military community but it is perhaps fair to say that there has not been a time when these issues and mental health in the military has been so prominent in the media.

As an organization we have been working alongside military and veterans in the Aboriginal and non Aboriginal communities recognizing that the effectiveness of our work



Rory Butler

draws people to us. The result has been the establishment of a dedicated resource known as the Your Life Counts Military Directorate. Like all good things we are taking time to develop carefully and ensuring that we are effective and relevant at every level. With little we have achieved much and are now gearing up for our next level of development which will include a dedicated resource for our Aboriginal-Canadian military and veterans.

Suicide in the military and among veterans is as much a problem among the Aboriginal community as it is in the non Aboriginal military and veteran population.

The writer was born and raised in a military family with a rich military history and explains in large part the connection that is developing with Your Life Counts Military Directorate and the Aboriginal-Canadian community.

Briefly, and hopefully without bias, may I explain...Colonel John Butler of Butlers Rangers was one of the great figures in European-Aboriginal relations in North America. The Aboriginal people had a trust in him which was not held lightly. The success Butler had in keeping most of the Six Nations out of the fighting but attached to the British cause during the first two years of the revolution speaks to his influence, as does the fact that to him fell most of the burden of explaining to the Aboriginals the British concession of the western lands in 1783. The greatest tribute probably came from Joseph Brant, who said at an Aboriginal funeral ceremony for Butler that he "was the last that

remained of those that acted with that great man the late Sir William Johnson, whose steps he followed and our Loss is the greater, as there are none remaining who understand our manners and customs as well as he did."

When Captain Catherine Askew, an Anglican chaplain from the Moose Factory Cree Nation, presided over a wreath lying ceremony at Vimy Ridge in April 2007, on the 90th anniversary of that famous battle, she delivered her prayer in English and Cree. "We have to give thanks for all the sacrifices they made willingly and how they have contributed to our lives today," she explained. Her words honoured the thousands of young Aboriginal men who had served their country:

Eyam ahatauw

Ni moo shoo muk / noo koom muk / gitche Manitou

Ni mah moo he too nan / ah nooch / kah kee see kak

Oh tah eh may tay kwa yak

Ki keh ski see tee tak / ki chi wa shi she muk

Kee nah kah tah mook / oh ski ni pi mah ti si win

Eh koo mah kah / kee mis kah mook / un ni mah

Kah ki stat ti kook

Eh nuk keh skuk ah ni mah / ah kah kee too chi kah tek

Kee mah si kewk / kah she mas kan nuk

Puh ki te nan / kee kis ske see yak

ah kah kee chi too tah kik / moo lah kah / she nah

koon ni pun

ni pi ma ti soon ah nooch

puh ki te nan kee kis ske see yak / may koch

Ni moo shoo muk / noo koom muk / gitche Manitou

kee meen te nan / oh mah / ah noch kah kee she kak

oh mah / ah yum chi kay win

eh kway chi mi tak pi shik ki tah yun

may koch eh may tay kwa yak

oh kik kah mah shi kay chik na peh wuk

kah nee kan tay chik

kah kee shi ni kah soot ki koo sis

kah kee pah chi pam moo tat oh tay

Chi meeg-wetch, chi meeg-wetch, chi meeg-wetch.

Translation:

Hi, hi.

Grandfathers, grandmothers, Good Creator.

We gather here today in this place of honour to

remember your children.

In the face of the impossible, they fought a battle which helped to win the war.

Let us remember that without their sacrifice, our lives would not be as they are.

Grandfathers, grandmothers, good Creator.

We hand over to you this day our prayers

and ask that you always be with us

as we honour these warriors that went before us.

In the name of your Son who walked among us. Amen.



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The Castle Silver mine property is a former silver and cobalt producer located 85 kilometres northwest of the historic Cobalt silver mining camp in Northern Ontario. The property size was increased in 2013 with the staking of 15 additional claims comprising 168 16-hectare claim units in Haultain and Nicol Townships bringing the land package to 3,252 hectares where it currently stands as of June 2015.

Castle Silver mine properties remain a wholly owned subsidiary of Gold Bullion Development Corp. pending final regulatory approval that will see the properties transferred to Takara Resources Inc. The pending transaction will facilitate the raising of capital and an acceleration of work on Castle that had thus far been a secondary priority with Gold Bullion primarily focused on the Granada Gold Property.

Trenching and channel sampling continues at Castle with plans to accelerate work on the property once regulators finalize the agreement with Takara Resources Inc. On May 5th, 2015 it was formally announced that Takara received conditional approval to acquire certain properties of Gold Bullion Development Corp. including the Castle property.

The historic Castle Silver Mine operated intermittently between 1917 and 1989 with silver production from the number three shaft exceeding 22 million ounces. More recently, during the 12-hole 6,000-metre 2011 winter drill program, a significant intersection of 3.09 metres (not true width) grading 6,476.0 grams per tonne silver resulted from drill hole CA 1108. This vein is independent of the existing mine workings.

In 2014, a boulder train was followed that led to the discovery of a new mineral occurrence in EXTENSION 7929. Initial sampling returned gold grades of 1.32 g/t and 1.25 g/t from grab samples. Copper values up to 1.032% were also noted.



2014 grab sample from trenching at Castle

Gold Bullion has already established a fully integrated exploration camp on the Castle property including diesel-generated power, water and buildings. The property is accessible year round via paved and gravel roads.

Work thus far on EXTENSION 7929 has identified at least one known source area related to the distinct boulder trains of strongly altered, sulphide-rich, rusty, angular boulders. Initial impressions from early stage stripping indicate strong gold and copper mineralization potential. Two distinct structural zones have already been noted, one trends N66°E, the other N154°E. Both carry elevated gold and copper values.

Several voluntary rehabilitation measures have already been completed in addition to, and in keeping with, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in August 2011 with the Matachewan First Nation covering the exploration and development of the Castle Silver Mine. The agreement outlines terms for each party with respect to land governance including a framework for an environmentally responsible approach to future exploration on traditional territories. A central tenet of the MOU is to take great care in ensuring no wildlife is disturbed. During work on the property in the spring of 2014, this nest was discovered and noted. Although work continued in the area, care was taken to ensure the nest was not disturbed with the eggs successfully hatching a few months later.



The Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines implemented voluntary rehabilitation provisions in November 2012 for companies and individuals not responsible for creating mine hazards on properties they now own or control. Companies can apply to undertake hazard rehabilitation work free of any liability with respect to any pre-existing environmental issues on the site. Gold Bullion Development Corp. was one of the very first companies to submit an application under Ontario's new Voluntary Rehabilitation program.

Since the Castle Silver property is a former producing mine, existing underground openings and surface structures had become hazards for individuals working in the area and to those using the area for recreational purposes. Gold Bullion/Castle Silver Mines has already spent considerable time and funds rehabilitating known hazards on leased and staked ground in areas frequented for recreation, fishing and hunting.

Measures taken include the resloping of waste piles around surface openings, repairing damaged protective fencing, waste rock screening and the back-filling of an open shaft. The back-filling of the historic Castle No. 1 shaft and the re-sloping the remaining muck piles was completed in November, 2014 with the screening completed in the fall of 2013. The commitment of management to environmental standards that exceed those required by law is an everpresent goal for all properties controlled by the Company. Ongoing monitoring will continue to ensure environmental and safety standards are met at the highest feasible standards.



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