

# Canada's Approach to Sustainable Mining

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## Minerals and Metals are Unlocking Clean Growth and Inclusive Prosperity

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-(\$	GDP	\$97 BILLION	Flin Flon       (iron and gold)       (iron and gold)       (inickel, cobalt)         Yellowknife       Athabasca       (uranium)       Raglan         Carmacks       (uranium)       (inickel, copper)       Northern Quebec         (Diamonds), precious       (Diamonds, precious       and base metals)
	Jobs	634,000 Direct & Indirect	Whitehorse (exploration for base metals and gold) Fort McMurray (oil sands, allied industries) Voisey's Bay (nickel, copper, cobalt) Labrador City/Fermont Sept-Îles
<b>^</b> \$ <b>^</b>	Investment	\$12 BILLION	Ring of Fire (aluminum) Kamloops (copper, molybdenum, gold) Vancouver (allied industries, junior
<u>* 4</u>	Trade	19.4% of Domestic Exports	exploration/mine financing) Trail (lead, zinc) Elk Valley Saskatchewan (nickel, cobalt) Saskatchewan (nickel, cobalt) Bécancour/Saguenay (aluminum) Saskatoon/ Red Lake/ Hemlo (gold) Timmins (nickel, copper, cobalt, gold, (allied industries, senior (allied industries, senior
			(zinc, copper, lead, gold) PGM, allied industries) exploration / mine financing)



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# Canada is an important supplier of minerals and metals to the global economy...

Canadian minerals are building tomorrow's economy

More than 108 advanced-stage projects with planned investment of \$78 billion

Significant reserves and shovel-ready projects in lithium, molybdenum, and rare earth elements

### CANADA'S 2017 GLOBAL RANKING

COMMODITY	GLOBAL RANK	SHARE OF PRODUCTION
Potash	1st	29%
Niobium	3rd	9%
Nickel	3rd	10%
Platinum Group Metals	3rd	8%
Indium	3rd	10%
Cobalt	4th	4%
Titanium	5th	8%

Leading the World in Exploration

in non-ferrous mineral exploration

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**13%** of global exploration budgets spent in Canada

**32%** of global exploration expenditures were by

Canadian-based firms



## Canadian Policy is Collaborative, Respecting Clear Responsibilities

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Fiscal and monetary policy Federal lands National geoscience International trade and investment Navigable waters management

#### SHARED

Economic development Environmental protection Innovation Infrastructure Health and safety Indigenous relations Research and development Responsible business conduct Sales, corporate, and income taxes

Land access

#### **PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL**

Resource ownership and management

Jurisdictional geoscience

Resource exploration and development guidelines

Operational licensing, permitting, and monitoring

Mining taxes and royalties

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## Canada is Modernizing it's Mining Policies





#### **Guided by Public Consultations**

- Provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- Industry
- Academia
- Indigenous Peoples
- Global partners
- Canadians



## Proposed Impact Assessment Act (Bill C 69)

## **CURRENT REGIME**

No early planning and engagement phase

Lack of flexibility to harmonize the review

Indigenous knowledge not consistently considered

Often lengthy, legislated timelines

Focus on minimizing environmental effects

Indigenous engagement driven by legal imperative

Strict test determines participation in process

## **PROPOSED REGIME**

Mandatory early planning and engagement

Focus on enhanced cooperation and collaboration

Guided by science and Indigenous knowledge

Shorter, legislated timelines

Broadened scope of impacts beyond environment

Inclusive engagement aimed at securing consent

Any member of the public can participate



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# Incentivizing Industry to Drive Innovation: Impact Canada



Mining innovations will help Canada meet its climate change commitments

#### 'Crush It' Challenge

A competition to develop new innovative solutions to reduce the energy intensity, cost, and environmental impacts of comminution-based mineral processing





# Global Leadership on Responsible Business Conduct



Canadian firms are setting the standard with voluntary initiatives that ensure mining benefits the communities in which they operate





# A Commitment to Sustainable Development



## Reporting and Transparency

- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
- Canada's Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act



## Governance Capacity Building

- Multilateral institutions (e.g., Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development)
- Targeted bilateral engagement
- Technical assistance



## **Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy**

- Gender equality & empowering women and girls
- Working to realize the UN Sustainable Development Goals



# A Vision for the Future: The Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan

Canada is committed to continued leadership in minerals innovation, sustainable mining, and ensuring that resource extraction benefits all our communities

The Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan will strengthen Canada's position as a global mining leader





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