Area of focus: Unlocking Canada’s Resource Potential

1 Canada needs mining
   In 2016 the minerals and metals sector contributed $87 billion or 3% to Canada’s GDP
   596,000 jobs (403,000 direct jobs)

2 Canada’s competitive advantage
   - Large and varied mineral deposits
   - Innovative research and targeted geoscience programs
   - #1 destination in the world for mineral development investment
   - Financial mechanisms that encourage investment

3 Challenges to the industry
   - Vulnerable to market uncertainties and changing demands
   - Infrastructure to support mining is expensive
   - Fierce global competition to attract exploration activity

4 Collaboration and engagement
   We want your help
   What steps can we take to ensure that the minerals and metals industry continues to deliver benefits for Canadians?

The Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan (CMMP): minescanada.ca
1. Canada needs innovation

Innovation can lower costs, minimize mining’s footprint and maximize extraction.

In Canada, mining ranks among the top industries for the adoption of advanced green technologies.

2. Canada’s competitive advantage

- Global leader in extractive and clean technologies and geological and biological sciences
- Strong R&D programs and support
- Highly skilled workforce and expertise across the sector

3. Challenges to the industry

- High capital costs and long investment horizons can dampen uptake
- Canada’s cold climate presents additional challenges to adopting innovative equipment
- Artificial intelligence and automation require new and different skills for mining operations

4. Collaboration and engagement

We want your help

How can mining companies, research laboratories, innovation hubs, universities, and government and non-governmental organizations best work together to drive innovation?

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Area of Focus:
Providing Regulatory Certainty

1 Mining benefits from regulatory certainty

A regulatory regime that **safeguards the interests of Canadians** and that is efficient, **transparent and predictable** serves as a competitive advantage.

2 Canada’s competitive advantage

- **Canada** tops its competitors in the **speed of issuing permits** for mining.
- Federal, provincial and territorial governments **work together** to enhance the **timeliness and effectiveness** of the system.
- **Traditional Indigenous Knowledge** can improve project design and provide greater certainty around access to land.

3 Challenges to the industry

- Projects require numerous **permits, authorizations and licences** in an evolving regulatory environment.
- Striking a balance between **safeguarding public interest** and **providing predictable and timely decisions**.
- Regulatory regimes must be **modern and responsive** to innovation and advancements.

4 Collaboration and engagement

**We want your help**

How can the provinces, territories and the federal government work together to promote a streamlined regulatory environment that supports sustainable natural resource development, while safeguarding the interests of Canadians?

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Area of Focus: Realizing Community Benefits and Supporting a Diverse Workforce

1. Mining supports communities
   - Mining supports jobs, economic activity, and Canadian prosperity.
   - 596,000 direct and indirect jobs in urban, rural and remote regions of the country.
   - Projects can serve as economic pillars for communities for decades or longer.

2. Canada’s competitive advantage
   - A highly skilled workforce that supports all aspects of the industry.
   - A global leader in developing community-industry partnerships.
   - Canadians believe mining provides opportunities for communities.

3. Challenges to the industry
   - Achieving broad-based support for projects can be difficult.
   - Women, Indigenous peoples and immigrants are underrepresented.
   - Infrastructure gaps in remote, isolated and northern areas.

4. Collaboration and engagement
   We want your help
   - What can communities, mining companies, and governments do to ensure that the benefits of sustainable mineral development are realized for public and private interests?
   - What can be done to build a skilled workforce that includes more women, Indigenous people and immigrants?

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Area of Focus: Advancing the Participation of Indigenous Peoples

1 Indigenous participation

The increased participation of Indigenous peoples supports a competitive industry and can help close socio-economic gaps.

The mining industry has the highest proportion of Indigenous employees in the private sector.

2 Canada’s competitive advantage

Traditional Knowledge can improve project design and inform decisions.

Indigenous peoples provide invaluable skills and business support to mining operations.

Nearly 500 mining agreements have been signed between the mining industry and Indigenous peoples in Canada.

3 Challenges to the industry

Some communities need support to build capacity to participate in decisions and to take advantage of economic opportunities.

Lack of clarity and uniformity in some jurisdictions regarding consultation/engagement requirements.

Lack of infrastructure, particularly in northern, remote and isolated communities.

4 Collaboration and engagement

We want your help.

What can be done to strengthen relationships between industry, government and Indigenous partners?

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1. Canadian mining includes Canadian companies abroad

- $171 billion in mining assets spread across 102 countries
- More than 53,000 people employed at international operations

2. Canada’s competitive advantage

- Numerous international trade agreements
- International leadership through a strong corporate social responsibility framework
- A globally recognized network of equipment and service providers
- A top global destination for mineral development investment

3. Challenges to the industry

- Laws and regulations of the host countries can be difficult to navigate
- Capital is global and mobile; competition for investment is fierce
- Translating the strong Canada brand into investment at home

4. Collaboration and engagement

We want your help

How can we best support Canadian companies operating abroad?

What are the greatest barriers to attracting foreign direct investment in Canada’s minerals and metals sector? What can we do to overcome these barriers?

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