

### Bill C-47: Improving the Investment Climate in Canada's North

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exploration, mining, smelting, semifabrication, supply

#### **ABOUT MAC**

The national voice of the mining industry in Canada:

- Advocacy to advance the business of mining
- TSM Initiative stewardship and social license
- 35 members in iron ore, gold, diamonds, oil sands, met-coal, base metals, uranium
- 50 members in engineering, environment, finance
- Members engaged in



















































































# INDUSTRY'S DOMESTIC CONTRIBUTION

- 320k employees;
   Wages 30-60%
   above other sectors
- 220 producing mines,
   33 smelters and
   refineries
- \$9B in taxes and royalties paid to governments in 2011
- \$20B capital investment annually
- Largest private employer of Aboriginal Canadians
- Core supplier to clean-technology sectors





#### CANADA AS A GLOBAL MINING PLAYER

- Attracted 18% of world exploration spending in 2011 – draws on useful tax measures
- Efficient TSX/TSX-V
   processes over 1,600 mining
   companies listed, 47% of their
   mineral projects are outside
   Canada
- Minerals account for 23% of Canada's total goods exports
- Top five world producer in uranium, potash, nickel, platinum, aluminum, diamonds, zinc, met coal
- Large direct investment stocks
   10% of all FDIC and 9% of CDIA

#### ->Mar'13 Mar-13 **Mineral Prices** 2012 2000 2007 2009 2010 (%) Aluminum (\$/lb) | 0.70 | 1.20 0.76 0.98 0.92 0.87 24 0.82 3.23 2.34 3.40 3.61 Copper (\$/lb) 3.47 323 1,23 Gold (\$/oz) 697 973 279 1,688 1,593 471 Uranium (\$/lb) 8.29 98.81 47 48.9 42.28 410 48 Nickel (\$/lb) 3.92 16.88 6.50 9.85 7.95 7.59 94

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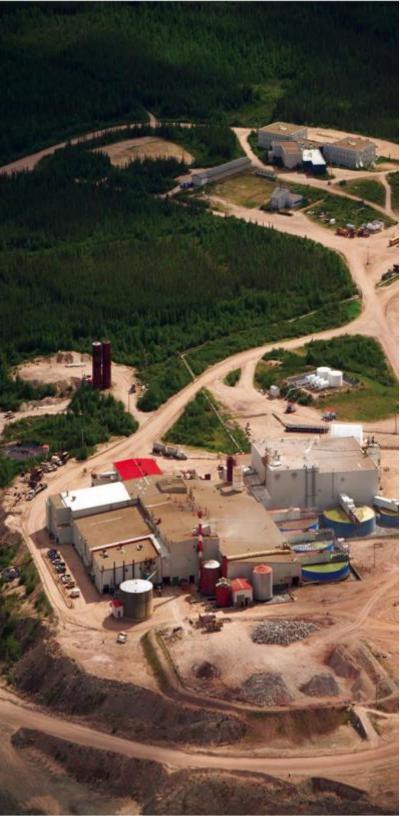
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Zinc (\$/lb)

Iron Ore (\$/Mt)

#### CHINA'S LONG-TERM DEMAND

- Long-term is positive: recent price declines from Euro crisis and Chinese slowdown are temporary
- China today consumes
   40% of world's base metals
   vs. 5% in 1980s
- Urban housing demand projected at 200 million units by 2030
- 2020-2025, China growth will still be in the 6-9% range
- Next 25 years: as many minerals and metals consumed worldwide as in all of history to date



#### **CANADIAN OPPORTUNITIES**

MAC estimates that **\$140 billion** in mining projects are presently proposed in Canada, including multi-billion dollar investments in:

- Nunavut gold and iron ore projects Agnico-Eagle,
   Baffinland (ArcelorMittal), Xstrata, Sabina, MMG
- NWT rare earths, diamonds, gold De Beers, Avalon
- BC coal, copper mines Teck, Imperial Metals, Taseko
- Alberta mined oil sands projects Suncor, Syncrude, Shell
- Saskatchewan diamonds, potash, uranium Shore Gold, BHP Billiton, Cameco
- Ontario nickel, gold, palladium Vale, Xstrata
- Quebec diamonds, nickel, gold Stornoway, Xstrata, Agnico-Eagle
- Newfoundland and Labrador nickel processing plant Vale
- Labrador iron ore Rio Tinto, IOC, ArcelorMittal, Cliffs

## MINING'S CONTRIBUTION TO CANADA'S NORTH

#### Employment

• 35,000+ person-years

#### Investment/Spending

 \$12 B+ in capital and operating expenditures

#### Business Development;

\$9 B Northern, \$4 B Aboriginal

#### Contributions to Northern Infrastructure:

- Roads, rail, hydro development, shipping, and ice roads
- Support for health care, education and sports facilities

#### Workforce development

Extensive programming in Aboriginal skills training and education



## NUNAVUT'S PROMISING DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

### **Northern Mining Productivity**

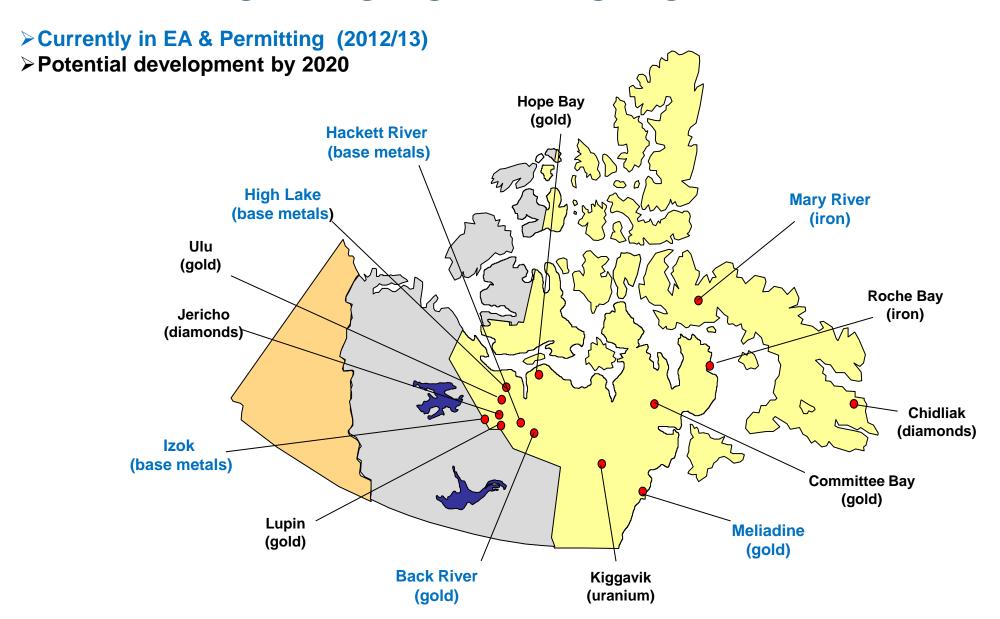
- "Canada's overall northern metal and non-metallic mineral output is expected to grow by 91% from 2011 to 2020..."
  - The Conference Board of Canada, January 2013

Conference Board Forecast	Average Growth Rate	Compound Annual Growth Rate
All Canada	21.5%	2.2%
Northern Regions	91%	7.5%

### **Nunavut's Opportunity**

- The least explored region in Canada
- Very high mineral potential.
- Six major projects currently in EA and permitting process
- Anticipated new mineral production within five years.
- Several additional projects could be commissioned by 2020

## **NUNAVUT'S MINING POTENTIAL**



## **NUNAVUT'S INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

## Successful development attracts new investment, however...

- Investment cannot be taken for granted
  - Capital is mobile and competition for it is global
- Investment decisions are made on fairness and predictability of process
  - Confidence in the regulatory review capacity
- Affirming Nunavut's investment climate is critical for future development and the territory's economic and social well-being

### **Bill C-47**

### Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act

- Broad and inclusive consultation process
- Defines Nunavut's land use planning and regulatory framework
- Recognizes the importance of responsible economic development for the well-being and self-reliance of the Inuit of Nunavut
- Ensures predictable and robust environmental review
- Land use plans will confirm lands available for development
- Promotes sustainable development
  - Predicated on compliance and performance
  - Demonstrates capacity of process
- Encourages investment and enhances Nunavut's economic competitiveness

## Bill C-47 Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act

## **Opportunities for improvement:**

#### Streamline Timelines

 Bring NUPPAA timelines in line with processes elsewhere in Canada ("Responsible Resource Development")

### Classes of Works Exempt from Screening and EA

Complete Schedule 3 prior to coming into force

#### Minor Variances

Allow the NPC to grant minor variances to streamline the process

#### Remove Offences under Land Use Plans

Quasi-criminal offences do not belong in Land Use Plans

## **CANADA'S MINING FUTURE**



- Strong growth opportunities facing the mining sector well into the future.
- Global mineral demand in the next decade will be driven by the emerging markets.
- Canadian mining industry has strengths in all regions, and provides the products necessary to everyday life.
- Mining is central to northern economic development.
- Bill C-47 (NUPPAA) will bring long-awaited certainty for mineral investment in Nunavut.



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