

Nunavut Mining Symposium

Securing and Sustaining a Viable Minerals Industry in the North

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The Mineral Industry

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

- Northern mining association and lobby group
- Advocate for responsible mineral development
- Promote clarity and consistency in the regulatory system
- Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform, Aboriginal Engagement



Aboriginal Mining Workforce in Canada



- Aboriginal Employees represent 8% of Canada's Mining Workforce
- Almost 3 times the National Average (3%) for all industries

The Mineral Industry and a Sustainable North

Historical Contribution of Mining to the Economy

- The modern political and social structure of the NWT was due to mineral development.
- First commercial mine started in 1932.
- Infrastructure: Roads, rail, hydro, water transport, community facilities



Polaris Location



Compact Operation



Neighbour to Resolute

- On-site activities and progress were communicated regularly
- Concerns addressed at village council
- Children and residents were able to enjoy the facilities
- Local charities and community programs were supported



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Fundamentals for Industry

- Positive Community Relationships
- Skilled Human Resources
- Enabling Regulatory Environment
- Workable Environmental Standards
- Support of Government and Aboriginal Communities
- Infrastructure for Development





Thank You!