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## A NORTHERN MINERAL POLICY

MINING IS NORTHERN CANADA'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY, IT IS THE NORTH'S LARGEST NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYER AND IT HAS AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SETTLEMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. MINING WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR NORTHERNERS AND ALL CANADIANS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL FOSTER, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE PROSPECTING, EXPLORATION AND MINING IN YUKON TERRITORY AND NORTHWEST TERRITORY.

TO PROTECT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF NORTHERNERS AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL, AFTER THOROUGH CONSULTATION WITH ALL AFFECTED PARTIES, DEFINE POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE STATED OBJECTIVES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL PERMIT ACCESS FOR PROSPECTING, EXPLORATION AND MINING TO TERRITORIAL LANDS AND WATERS, AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VIABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ENSURES THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO AND TENURE OF MINERAL RIGHTS WITHIN, TERRITORIAL LANDS OR WATERS AS WELL AS FOR THOSE TERRITORIAL LANDS AND WATERS FOR WHICH IT HAS, OR CONTEMPLATES SURRENDER OF, OWNERSHIP.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL ASSIST THE MINING INDUSTRY TO OPTIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTHERNERS, ASSIST THE MINING INDUSTRY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL MODES OF TRANSPORT, ASSIST THE MINING INDUSTRY WITH INFRASTRUCTURE.

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