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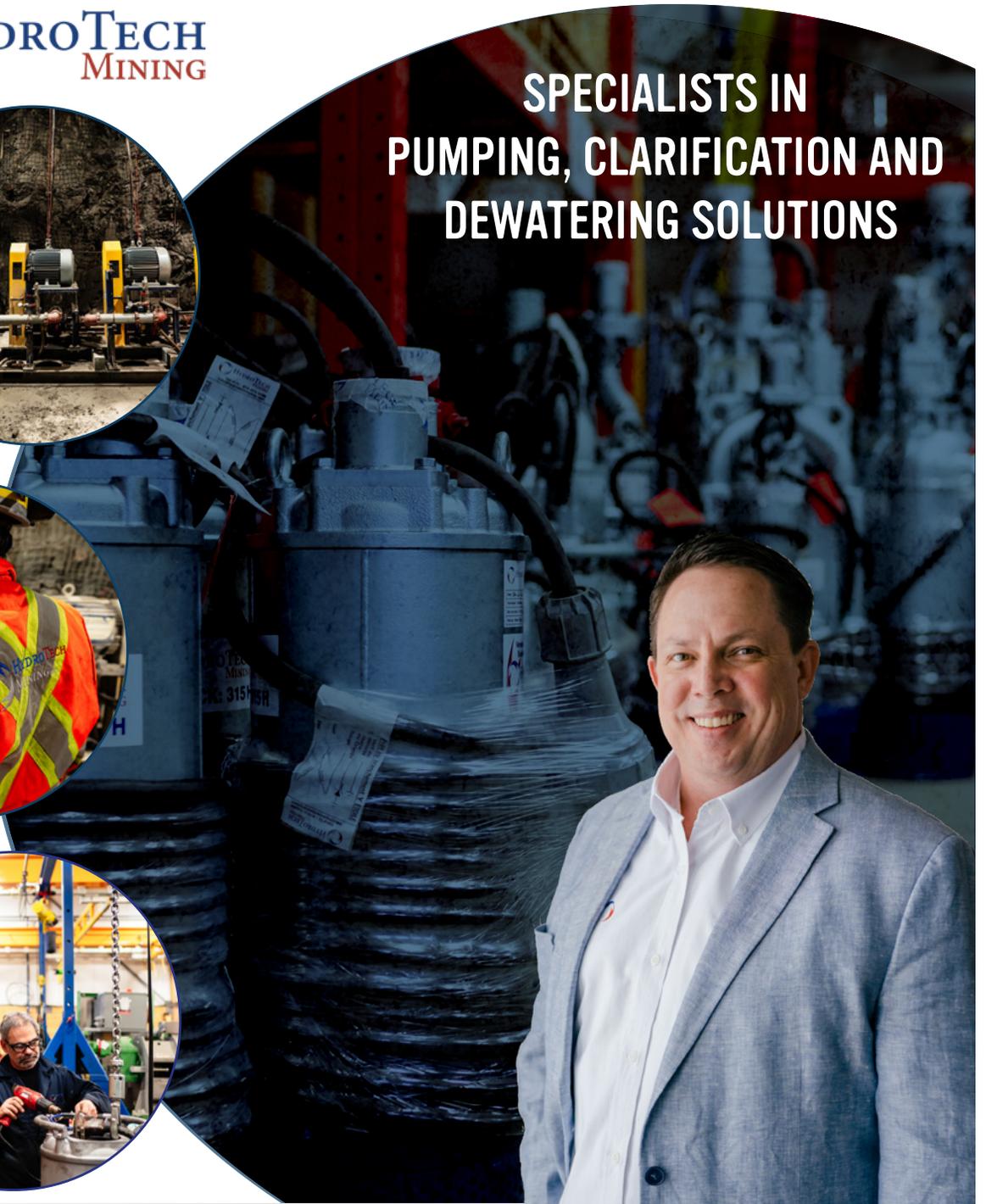
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MESSAGE FROM  
THE EDITOR  
**Kelsey James**

**W**elcome to the inaugural issue of *B.C. Mining Review* e-newsletter! It has been an eventful year for mining in the province of British Columbia, and we're excited to begin showcasing the hard work of those in the industry.

The first issue of the e-newsletter features a wide variety of stories and news taking place in the British Columbia mining sector. On page six, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation Josie Osborne discusses the profound shifts natural resource development in B.C. is currently undergoing as the demand for more environmentally responsible and climate-friendly operations increases.

WorkSafeBC has been working tirelessly to introduce its new Blasters' Handbook that follows the latest industry standards, including new occupational health and safety regulations that went into effect for B.C. blasting operations in December 2021.

Romios Gold provides an update on Trek South, the company's new porphyry copper-gold and skarn target in B.C.'s Golden Triangle. The company is currently in the process of planning additional detailed mapping and sampling, as well as assessing various options for a diamond drill program.

These stories are just a small preview of what we have in store for you in this edition of *B.C. Mining Review* e-newsletter. We wish to thank all the companies who have contributed a story, including:

- Paradox Access;
- Tudor Gold;
- Skeena Resources;
- The BC Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation;
- Acres Enterprises;
- Local Rental Solutions;
- Romios Gold;
- MineralsEd;
- The Mining Industry Human Resources Council;
- Britannia Mine Museum; and
- Easylease.

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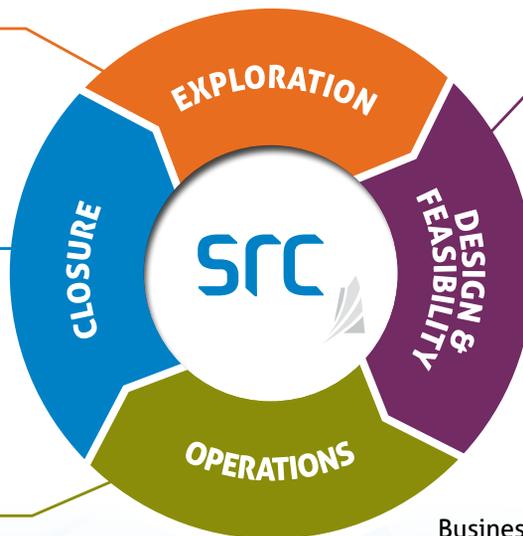
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## MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE *Josie Osborne*

MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES  
AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION

**O**n behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I am honoured to have this opportunity in *B.C. Mining Review* e-newsletter to recognize the economic and social importance of the mining and mineral exploration sector in British Columbia.

The mining industry is a foundational part of British Columbia's economy, providing more than 30,000 good family-supporting jobs for people in communities across the province. Last year, the sector set a record annual production value of more than \$18 billion, and exploration spending has increased by \$80 million in 2021 to a record \$740 million in 2022.

Natural resource development in B.C. is undergoing profound shifts as the demand for more environmentally responsible and climate-friendly operations grows. B.C.'s mining sector is well-positioned to seize the opportunity to supply many of the critical minerals and metals the world needs to fight climate change. Not only are we Canada's

largest producer of copper and only producer of molybdenum, we also have many other critical minerals that are integral for producing emerging technologies such as electric cars, wind turbines, and solar power that will help achieve a cleaner, healthier future.

The growing demand for low-carbon technologies is rapidly increasing. To ensure British Columbia can capitalize on this momentum, we committed to develop a Critical Minerals Strategy to help unlock B.C.'s potential to produce additional critical minerals, such as nickel, cobalt, and others. The strategy will also identify areas to add value and grow downstream opportunities, such as battery recycling to add previously mined materials back into the supply chain. In support of these goals, we have invested in our B.C. Geological Survey, which provides free and accessible digital geoscience information. To date, its databases and geospatial web services are ranked in the top 10 globally, giving B.C. a competitive advantage over other jurisdictions in the exploration and mining sectors. The province is deeply committed to being a leader in mining regulation and oversight. We have taken significant steps to

expedite and streamline permitting times. An excellent example of our progress is the Artemis Gold Blackwater Mine, located southwest of Vanderhoof. As B.C.'s first new open pit mine in almost a decade, the Blackwater Mine serves as a role model in a thriving, future-focused mining sector. With technological advancements like the electrification of its mining fleet and processing plant, this mine can produce gold and silver with some of the lowest greenhouse gas emissions in the world. As a result of the province's strong focus on permitting efficiency, Artemis obtained its operating permit within a year, from final application to green light.

Additionally, Budget 2023/2024 included \$77 million specifically allocated to accelerate modernized natural resource permitting, demonstrating our commitment supporting this important work. We recognize the need to invest in the facilitation and enhancement of the permitting process to ensure the continued growth and success of the mining industry. This funding will help streamline permitting procedures, allowing for the efficient and responsible development of natural resources while maintaining

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environmental and social standards.

First Nations have a crucial role in British Columbia's mining sector, and our approach to natural resource development must be done in collaboration and partnership with them. Through the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan, we are committed to modernizing the Mineral Tenure Act to continue to build and strengthen our work together. We have already initiated a process of consultation and co-operation with First Nations to advance this work, consistent with the Interim Approach from the Declaration Act Secretariat.

I want to recognize the mining industry, local communities, and First Nations alike for building and strengthening partnerships that prioritize reconciliation, sustainability, and the economic opportunities that benefit people and communities across British Columbia.

We are proud to be a world-leading mining jurisdiction with a solid emphasis on environmental, social, and governance principles, and strong and collaborative partnerships with First Nations. This approach has made B.C. an appealing

choice for investors who prioritize environmental sustainability, economic opportunities, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

I believe that with B.C.'s strong environmental standards, our shared commitments to reconciliation, and the rich deposits of minerals and

metals in our province, B.C.'s mining and mineral exploration sector has a strong and vibrant future that will thrive through partnership and collaboration. We are dedicated to building upon our success to support the growth of the mining sector and all the people and communities who rely on it. 🌱



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## MAXIMIZING PROFITS, MINIMIZING IMPACT:

# Unveiling the next generation of material drying technology

**T**he mining sector is constantly seeking innovative solutions that can enhance efficiency and reduce costs while having a positive impact on environmental sustainability. A ground-breaking material drying technology, MEGA-Drain® by Paradox, has recently emerged, garnering attention in the industry for its ability to transform the management and processing of wet materials. This passive drainage system harnesses the power of gravity and head pressure to deliver remarkable cost savings and heightened efficiency across various sectors, including mining, aggregate, and forestry. The system's impressive average ROI of four to six months is a testament to its effectiveness and highlights its potential to revolutionize industry practices, paving the way for a more sustainable future.

### A GRAVITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO MATERIAL DRYING

The innovative drainage system consists of a multi-layered

work-in-place floor and water storage vault that utilizes airflow, negative air pressure, and gravity. The system features modular blocks that interlock, forming a void space beneath piles of wet materials. This design not only provides a stable and robust foundation, but also ensures optimal water flow. The weight of the materials generates head pressure, forcing water from the bottom of the pile into the void space. The collected water can then be reused or disposed of according to industry standards and regulations.

### THE IMPACT OF EFFICIENT MATERIAL DRYING

Efficient drying is crucial for industries that process wet materials. The gravity-driven system significantly streamlines material processing, offering a host of benefits:

- **Cost savings:** By eliminating the need for energy-intensive machinery, the passive system reduces operational costs. The accelerated drying process also cuts storage, handling, and transportation expenses.

- Increased productivity: Quicker drying allows industries to process larger volumes of material in less time, boosting overall productivity.
- Enhanced material quality: Rapid drying helps maintain material quality, which can directly impact the value of extracted resources in sectors like mining.

### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AND SUSTAINABILITY

A passive drainage system offers several environmental advantages due to its reliance on gravity and efficient design. The use of gravity and head pressure leads to reduced energy consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional drying methods. The system's design also minimizes disturbance to the surrounding environment during installation and operation. Furthermore, the technology promotes responsible water resource management by enabling the reuse of drained water, reducing freshwater demand and lowering the risk of water pollution.

### ADAPTABLE AND EASY TO INSTALL

The drainage system can be integrated into both greenfield projects and existing operational facilities with minimal downtime. Its modular design ensures easy scaling and adaptability to various projects, making it suitable for a wide range of applications and configurations.

### CONCLUSION

The MEGA-Drain® System is a transformative and sustainable solution for the mining sector, revolutionizing the way industries decant and drain materials. By utilizing gravity and head pressure, this passive system accelerates the drying process, increasing productivity, reducing operational costs, and minimizing environmental impact. The system's versatile design offers a multitude of applications across various sectors, fostering innovation and progress towards a more sustainable future in resource extraction and processing. With an average ROI of four to six months, this ground-breaking technology is poised to make a significant impact on the industry. 🌱



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# WorkSafeBC launches updated blasting certification guide for workers handling explosives



## *Manual reflects B.C.'s new Occupational Health and Safety Regulations for blasters*

By Alexandra Skinner

**B**lasting and explosives are important resources in British Columbia's mining sector, but they can also pose serious risks to workers' health and safety.

In December 2021, new occupational health and safety regulations went into effect for blasting operations in B.C. As a result of these changes, WorkSafeBC has released a new Blasters' Handbook that follows the latest industry standards. You can access this valuable resource right now on [www.worksafebc.com](http://www.worksafebc.com).

Mining certification in B.C. is provided by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, and the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines requires workers to perform blasting on a mine site to obtain certification. The updated WorkSafeBC handbook can be used as a study guide for workers who wish to be examined for a blasting certification.

"Since the first handbook was originally released in the 1980s, there have been many changes in blasting technology, as well as in related laws and regulations," said Sonja Kristinsson, WorkSafeBC blasting certification officer and lead for the handbook update project.

### **MINING SECTOR AND EXPLOSIVES**

The handbook provides detailed information on how to safely handle, transport, store, and use explosives, as well as how to conduct blasting operations in a way that minimizes the risk of injury or damage to property.

Workers in the mining sector who are involved in blasting operations can use the WorkSafeBC Blasters Handbook as a reference guide for all aspects of their work. For example, workers can use the handbook to:

1. Understand the properties of different types of

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explosives, including their sensitivity to shock, heat, and friction.

2. Learn how to handle, store, and transport explosives safely, including how to properly label and store explosives, and how to transport them securely.
3. Understand the principles of blast design, including the factors that affect blast performance and how to calculate the amount of explosive needed for a particular blast.
4. Learn how to set up and operate blasting equipment, including how to test and maintain equipment, and how to handle and dispose of blasting residues.
5. Understand the safety procedures that must be followed during blasting operations, including how to conduct a pre-blast safety check, how to establish blast exclusion zones, and how to ensure all workers are clear of the blast area before detonation.

### WHAT'S NEW?

The updated handbook was a collaborative effort with industry leaders including engineers, explosives manufacturers, employers, government agencies, and business associations from across North America. It provides enhanced definitions, requirements, and guidelines for B.C. workers and employers who manage explosives.

WorkSafeBC also added three new chapters to the handbook, including one dedicated to health and safety. The latest edition of the handbook features learning objectives at the beginning of each chapter to provide readers with an overview of the knowledge they can gain. Additionally, the appendixes have been updated to include essential information on blast design patterns, trench patterns, blast design calculations, and other relevant topics.

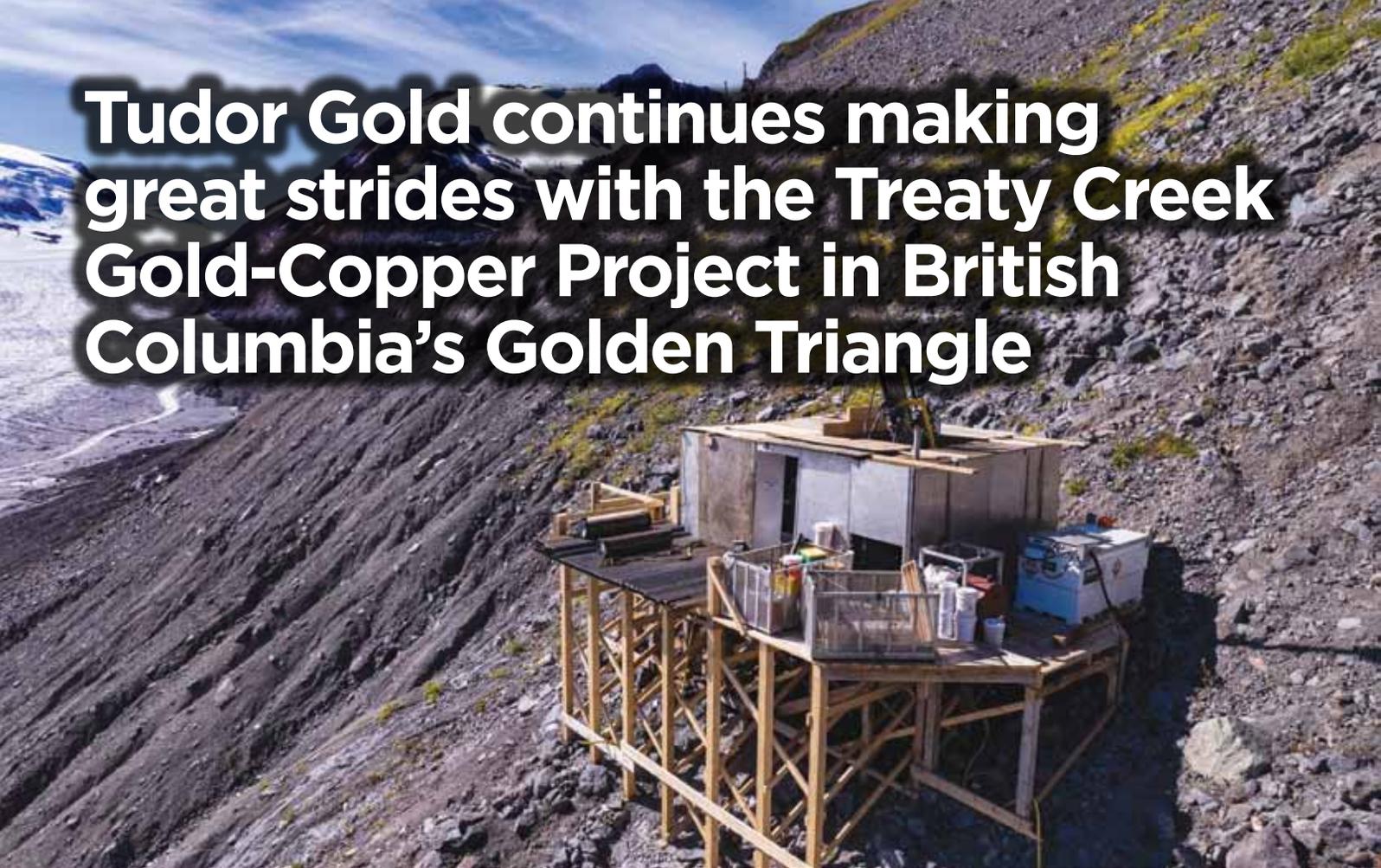
The handbook development team placed equal emphasis on ensuring the handbook's content is accessible and

easy to understand. Therefore, the content was written in plain language to help anyone working with explosives comprehend the potential risks, health and safety requirements, and regulations associated with this type of work.

"The revised Blasters' Handbook is an excellent resource for those working in the industry, including blasting company employers, owners, and operators. It contains up-to-date information on industry safety standards, making it a great tool for exam preparation or onboarding new workers to your crew," said Kristinsson. 🌐

An advertisement for Bushrat.com. It features the Bushrat logo, which is a stylized orange and brown 'B' with a crown on top, and the text 'BUSHRAT FIND YOUR FUTURE'. Below the logo, the website 'Bushrat.com' is prominently displayed. The ad also includes two main messages: 'Looking for work in mineral exploration? Post your resume free on Bushrat.com' and 'Looking to hire skilled workers; geologists, drillers, cooks? Post your job opening on Bushrat.com'. The background of the ad is a light beige color with a faint pattern of stars and lines.

# Tudor Gold continues making great strides with the Treaty Creek Gold-Copper Project in British Columbia's Golden Triangle



*Property position in the Golden Triangle. Source: Tudor Gold.*

## *After significantly upgrading the mineral resource estimate, Tudor Gold is continuing to advance one of the world's largest gold and copper projects*

**T**udor Gold Corp. (TSXV: TUD) (FRA: H56) is focused this summer on its 2023 drill program to expand the Goldstorm Deposit at its flagship Treaty Creek gold-copper project in the Golden Triangle of northwest British Columbia. The company released an updated Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) in March 2023 that revealed significant increases in both gold and copper grades, as well as contained ounces.

The updated MRE results have propelled Treaty Creek's ranking into one of the largest gold discoveries in

the last 30 years, earning it a place in this year's Mining Intelligence world's top 10 largest gold project by resource size.

The company's Treaty Creek Property, in which Tudor Gold holds a 60 per cent interest, comprises 17,913-hectares which borders both Seabridge Gold's KSM gold-copper project to the southwest and Newmont's Brucejack gold mine to the southeast.

B.C.'s Golden Triangle has been a hotbed of merger and acquisition activities in recent years. Since 2018, total transaction value sits at C\$4.35

billion (US\$3.39 billion) with several major mining companies acquiring assets and interests in this mineral rich and highly prospective region.

The updated MRE, reported by Tudor in March 2023, resulted in a 53 per cent increase in the gold equivalent (gold + copper + silver) grade and a 20 per cent increase in total gold equivalent ounces in the indicated resource category. In addition to the gold and silver, Tudor has estimated a total mineral resource of three billion pounds of copper.

The MRE (at a 0.5 g/t AuEQ cut-off for open pit and a 0.7 g/t AuEQ cut-off for

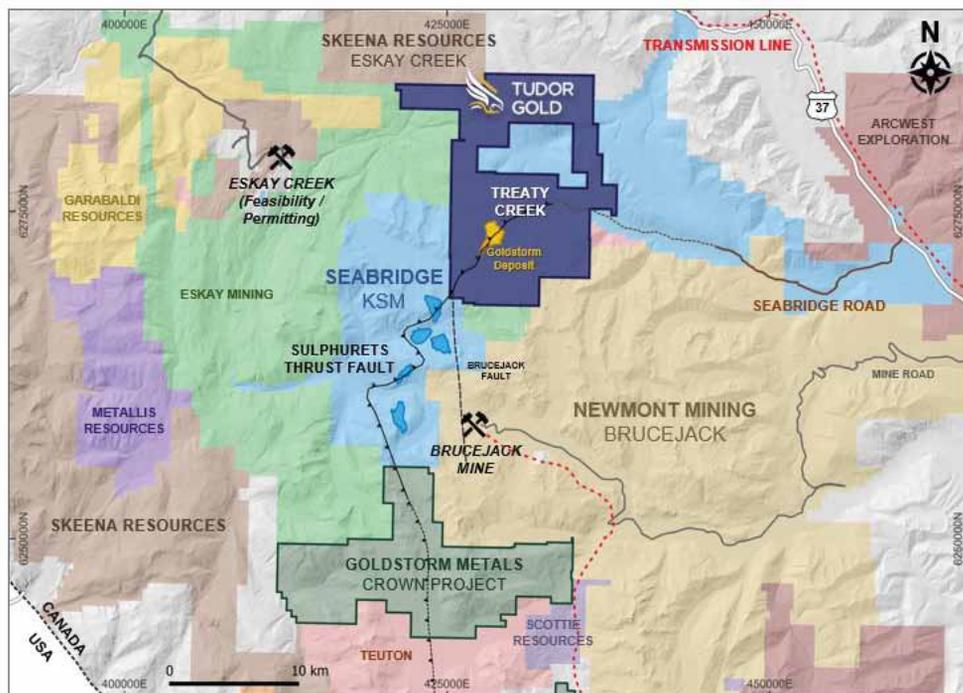
underground) reported an indicated mineral resource of 23.37 million ounces (Moz) of gold equivalent (AuEQ) within 641.93 million tonnes (Mt) at a grade of 1.13 g/t AuEQ. This gold equivalent is comprised of 18.75 Moz of gold (Au) at 0.91 g/t, 112.44 Moz of silver (Ag) at 5.45 g/t, and 2.18 billion pounds of copper (Cu) at 0.15 per cent. Inferred resources add 7.35 Moz AuEQ within 233.90 Mt at a grade of 0.98 g/t AuEQ.

Even more encouraging, upgrading to a 1.0 g/t AuEQ sensitivity cut-off for all indicated mineral resources (open-pit and underground) gives an estimated 15.18 Moz of AuEQ at a grade of 1.48 g/t AuEQ; comprised of 12.29 Moz of Au at 1.20 g/t, 72.07 Moz of Ag at 7.02 g/t and 1.35 Blbs of Cu at 0.19 per cent.

“We are very pleased by the results of our updated MRE for the Goldstorm Deposit, which resulted in an impressive increase in grades and total gold equivalent ounces within the indicated mineral resource category,” said Tudor Gold chief executive officer Ken Konkin, P. Geo.

“These accomplishments are a

**“These accomplishments are a culmination of two additional years of drilling and refining of our geologic understanding, which vectored the exploration towards higher-grade gold, copper, and silver,” Konkin added.**



*Drill operating at the Goldstorm Deposit at Treaty Creek.*

culmination of two additional years of drilling and refining of our geologic understanding, which vectored the exploration towards higher-grade gold, copper, and silver,” Konkin added. “These improvements to the Goldstorm Deposit are expected to provide an excellent foundation as the company advances the Treaty Creek Project towards an initial economic assessment. Continued definition and expansion drilling will continue in 2023 to target higher gold, silver, and copper grades throughout the northern expansion area of the Goldstorm Deposit.”

This year’s exploration program will total a minimum of 20,000 meters at the Goldstorm Deposit and will target the north and northeast mineral extensions. In addition, the company plans to carry out exploration drilling at the Perfectstorm Zone, which is located approximately 2.5 kilometers southwest of the Goldstorm Deposit and approximately 2.5 kilometers northeast from Seabridge Gold’s Iron

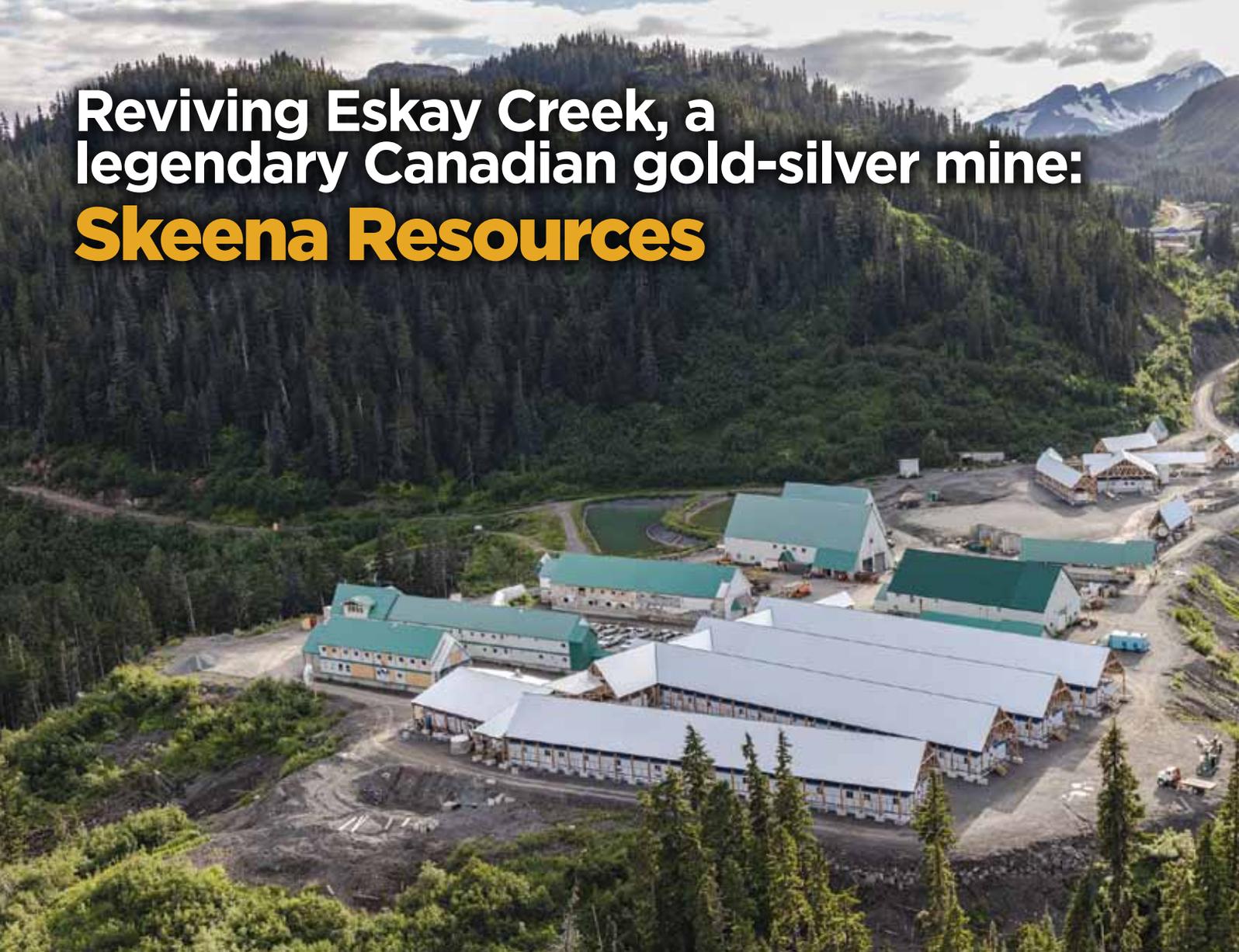
Cap Deposit near the southwestern boundary of the Treaty Claim block.

The company recently completed a C\$18.5 million capital raise and is fully funded for the 2023 exploration season.

Tudor’s ESG metrics are solid; the company signed an agreement for engagement and opportunity sharing with Tahltan Central Government, which represents the interests of the Tahltan Nation, on whose traditional territory the project is hosted. Environmental baseline sampling is ongoing in preparation for future permitting requirements.

With a robust new resource estimate and a well-funded 2023 exploration season, Tudor Gold’s future looks promising. The company has a market cap of C\$244.6 million as of July 3, 2023, with 218.56 million shares outstanding. Tudor Holdings (25.3 per cent) and renowned investor Eric Sprott (17.4 per cent) are the two largest shareholders. 🌐

# Reviving Eskay Creek, a legendary Canadian gold-silver mine: Skeena Resources



**L**ocated in the mineral-rich Golden Triangle region of northwest British Columbia within Tahltan Territory lies a high-grade past-producing mine: Eskay Creek. Operating as an underground mine between 1994 and 2008, Eskay Creek was the highest-grade gold mine in the world, producing 3.3 million ounces of gold and 160 million ounces of silver at average grades of 45 g/t gold and 2,224 g/t silver. In 2008, the mine closed due to low gold prices, high operating costs, and the effects from the financial crisis.

In December 2017, Skeena Resources (TSX:SKE, NYSE:SKE) optioned the Eskay Creek mine from the previous

operator, Barrick Gold. The company began compiling historical drill data and doing infill drilling on the property shortly thereafter and, by 2020, Skeena owned 100 per cent of the property. After completing its maiden resource estimate in 2019 and advancing through the preliminary economic assessment and pre-feasibility study in the years following, Skeena's efforts culminated in September 2022 when it released a feasibility study for Eskay Creek. The study highlights pit-constrained reserves of 3.85 million ounces at an average grade of 3.87 grams per tonne gold equivalent, making it one of the highest-grade, most

profitable open-pit projects globally. Using conservative metal prices of US\$1,700/oz gold and US\$19/oz silver, Eskay Creek has an NPV of C\$1.4B, a 50 per cent after-tax IRR, a one-year payback period, and average annual after-tax free cash flow of C\$293 million. During the proposed mine life of nine years, average annual production at Eskay Creek is forecasted to be 352,000 gold equivalent ounces, with the initial five years producing over 430,000 gold equivalent ounces annually. The mine will operate as a conventional open pit, with an on-site mill capable of processing three million tonnes of rock annually.



Infrastructure in British Columbia's Golden Triangle has improved significantly since Eskay Creek closed in 2008. Notably, the addition of three nearby hydroelectric facilities gives Skeena access to clean and low-cost hydropower. Given the brownfields nature of the project, there is also significant infrastructure already in place on the project, including a fully permitted Tailings Storage Facility, camps, offices, and all-weather access roads into the site.

Skeena places a high priority on environmental stewardship and social responsibility. It will be the first mining company in British Columbia to have permits authorized

by a First Nation government (Tahltan Nation). In 2021, Skeena returned its mineral tenures for its Spectrum property to establish the Tenh Dzetle Conservancy, which preserves 3,526 hectares of land in Tahltan Territory. This commitment to conservation earned Skeena the prestigious 2022 Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum's Excellence in Sustainable Development Award. These efforts reflect Skeena's commitment to establishing positive relationships with First Nation governments.

Skeena is also committed to fostering positive relationships and actively seeks to provide employment and contracting opportunities to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members and businesses in the area. A comprehensive socioeconomic impact study, commissioned by Skeena in 2022, highlights the potential contribution of the Eskay Creek project to the British Columbia economy. The study forecasts a value-added impact of

C\$6.2 billion, the creation of 3,214 jobs annually on average, C\$2.5 billion in labor income, and the generation of C\$2.1 billion in provincial and federal taxes.

From an environmental standpoint, Skeena is conducting regular monitoring programs that address water, waste, and biodiversity impacts to ensure the responsible advancement of the project. Eskay Creek is projected to be among the lowest carbon-emitting mines in the world. The projected emissions on the project are 0.20 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/oz AuEq, placing the project in the 95th percentile of lowest carbon-emitting mines globally.

Skeena has a busy and exciting year ahead at Eskay Creek with exploration drilling planned for this summer and the definitive feasibility study on the project expected in Q4 2023. The company continues to advance Eskay Creek towards production, with the goal of bringing the mine back online by early 2026. 🌱

# Previewing the 46th Annual B.C. Mine Reclamation Symposium



*Taseko's Gibraltar Mine, 2020 recipient of the Jake McDonald Annual Mine Reclamation Award is the tour venue for the 2023 B.C. Mine Reclamation Symposium.*

By Jonathan Buchanan



**T**he B.C. Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation was established in the 1970s to share best practices in the evolving field of mine reclamation, and its 46th Annual Mine Reclamation Symposium is held September 18 to 21, 2023. This year's symposium is at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, part of the Dakelh (Carrier) peoples' territory.

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

NATS Nursery Ltd. and Maven Water & Environment are hosting pre-symposium workshops.

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

### **GIBRALTAR MINE TOUR**

The Mine Reclamation Symposium is renowned for being located close to active mine reclamation work, and this

year's tour features 2020 Jake McDonald Annual Mine Reclamation Award recipient Taseko's Gibraltar Mine. Gibraltar was recognized for its programs centred on collaborative research, which continue to this day and builds off 45 years of reclamation with partners including BCIT, Simon Fraser University, and Mitacs. In addition, the company has demonstrated a collaborative approach with local Indigenous communities that pairs traditional and scientific knowledge and communication through the Fraser River Salmon Sampling Program, a partnership with Xat'sull First Nation and Northern Shuswap Tribal Council to assess the safety of eating salmon caught at traditional sites.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

### ***Technical Sessions***

Presentations span a wide range of reclamation practices including planning, implementation, effectiveness monitoring, regulation, and/or Indigenous leadership and partnerships in reclamation, and a special session on "Mine Reclamation and Climate Change." Presenters include a variety of reclamation practitioners and experts, including members of Indigenous communities and representatives of mining companies, regulatory agencies, and consultancies. Presentations are accompanied by published papers that are publicly available at UBC Library's open collections, with a record of symposia papers dating back to 1977.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - AWARDS**

The annual B.C. Mine Reclamation Awards are one of the highlights of the symposium. Join us as we welcome the safe return of the Jake McDonald Mine Reclamation Award presented to Seabridge Gold last year (see Winter 2022 issue of Canadian Reclamation) and given to the 2023 recipient of what is known in B.C. as the "Stanley Cup of Reclamation."

### **STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

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## Building success through safety

**W**ith a reputation built on safety, it's no wonder Acres Enterprises has been awarded bid after bid at New Gold's New Afton Mine. Just 15 minutes West of Kamloops, New Afton sits on the other side of the Trans-Canada Highway. This gold and copper mine has a rich history and has been operating under New Gold Inc. since 2007. Acres' commitment to quality is one reason they have been providing work at New Afton Mine for many years, but it's the company's safe production culture that really sets them apart. Their mission is to reduce workplace injuries while focusing on long term solutions that promote and improve employees' health, safety, environment, and wellness.

Acres Enterprises understands the inherent risks associated with the

construction industry, especially in the mining sector. With teams that operate underground as well as above, they have implemented rigorous safety protocols and provide regular training to their workforce, ensuring every employee is equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to perform their tasks safely. By maintaining the highest safety standards, Acres Enterprises not only protects its workers but also instills confidence in its clients, leading to successful partnerships and project outcomes.

One of these initiatives is a safety management system focusing on injury prevention, disability management, hazard awareness and control, near miss and observation reporting, safe work practices, job procedures, best industry practices, compliance, preventative

maintenance, inspection process, training, communications, incident management, and environmental protection policies. This program has contributed to a culture of safety at Acres and over one million hours worked without a lost time injury, one of the industries highest achievements.

In 2019, Acres executed a milestone concrete pour for New Gold's Thickened and Amended Tailings Building. Over 200 trucks and 16 hours for this 2200m<sup>3</sup> pour made it the largest single concrete pour in Kamloops' history. An achievement like this doesn't happen without rigorous planning and attention to detail, including the safety of everyone involved.

Acres continues to perform technically challenging work in remote locations, and they take pride

in the professionalism and service afforded to each of their clients. Acres has garnered a reputation as a trusted partner in the construction sector while their comprehensive understanding of the mining industry and dedication to excellence have ensured the construction projects were delivered on time and within budget.

As a leader in streamlining the construction process, Acres has embraced technological advancements to enhance efficiency and ensure the highest level of quality in their projects. By staying at the forefront of innovation, they have been able to deliver exceptional results while pushing the boundaries of traditional construction practices.

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As the mining sector adapts and changes, one thing remains constant: the need for safe practices in the evolving landscape of industrial contracting. 🌀



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# Romios Gold zeros in on a new porphyry copper-gold and skarn target in B.C.'s Golden Triangle

**P**ersistence appears to be paying off for Romios Gold (RG.V) on their long-standing Trek property in the heart of the Golden Triangle in northwest British Columbia. To quote their vice-president of exploration, Mr. John Biczok, P. Geo.: "It's hard to imagine a better geophysical and geological target coming out of the recent exploration programs at Trek South and we can't wait to start drilling this new discovery."

After extensive drill campaigns at Trek North outlined a modest porphyry Cu-Au zone 10 years ago, Romios has kept an eye on other parts of the property as the local snow and icefields melted back. In 2021, they announced the discovery of a one kilometre wide zone of apparent porphyry copper type alteration and an overlapping pyritic stockwork with frequently significant Cu-Au-Ag values. This type of alteration and veining are typical of the peripheral zones around and over the top of a porphyry copper-gold system. To see if there could be a porphyry deposit under these surface indications, Romios contracted in 2022 for a highly successful IP/MT (Induced Polarization/Magnetotelluric) survey that identified a very strong and quite large IP anomaly right under the centre of the previously identified copper-gold-silver porphyry-type system. The IP anomaly at Trek South is greater than 800 metres long, at least 250 to 500 metres wide, extends to a depth of at least 650 metres, and the strength of it points to a high percentage of sulphides. The MT survey indicates that it carries on to a depth of over two kilometres.

On top of such a great geophysical target, Romios made a surprising and very important discovery nearby: a large

**This type of alteration and veining are typical of the peripheral zones around and over the top of a porphyry copper-gold system.**

area of previously unknown copper and tungsten bearing skarn with patchy sulphide mineralization. Skarns are intense alteration zones created when fluids from granitic intrusions, such as porphyries, interact with calcium-rich sediments to form massive bodies of different minerals. This process can create rich ore deposits right beside a porphyry orebody in some cases. Romios' skarn samples contained surprisingly high levels of both copper and tungsten. A total of 21 samples from the skarn returned tungsten assays of up to 0.68 per cent WO<sub>3</sub>, average 0.24 per cent WO<sub>3</sub> (WO<sub>3</sub> = tungsten trioxide). These high values are despite the fact the crew wasn't looking for tungsten and the samples were not taken from spots where high tungsten levels would necessarily be found. In addition, the skarn also contains appreciable copper levels of up to 0.98 per cent copper, averaging 0.27 per cent copper. The skarn outcrops are scattered over an area at least 275 metres by 80 metres across, and they trend off under overburden so the full extent could be much bigger. These skarn outcrops are 200 to 300 metres from what is believed to be the source pluton, and the grade and size of the skarns can typically be expected to increase toward the pluton along strike and at depth.

On top of the exciting geological and geophysical aspects of this target, the geographical advantages of Trek South compared to other projects in the region are substantial. It is just over a kilometre away from the partially constructed and cleared road route into Teck and Newmont's giant Galore Creek deposit, and the site of the proposed Galore Creek mill is visible from the property. Even in the absence of additional progress at Galore, the road to Trek South from the nearest highway is already partially complete, providing a significant jump-start for access in the future.

Trek South is now Romios' main focus in the Golden Triangle. The company is planning additional detailed mapping and sampling in 2023, as well as assessing various options for a diamond drill program. 🌟

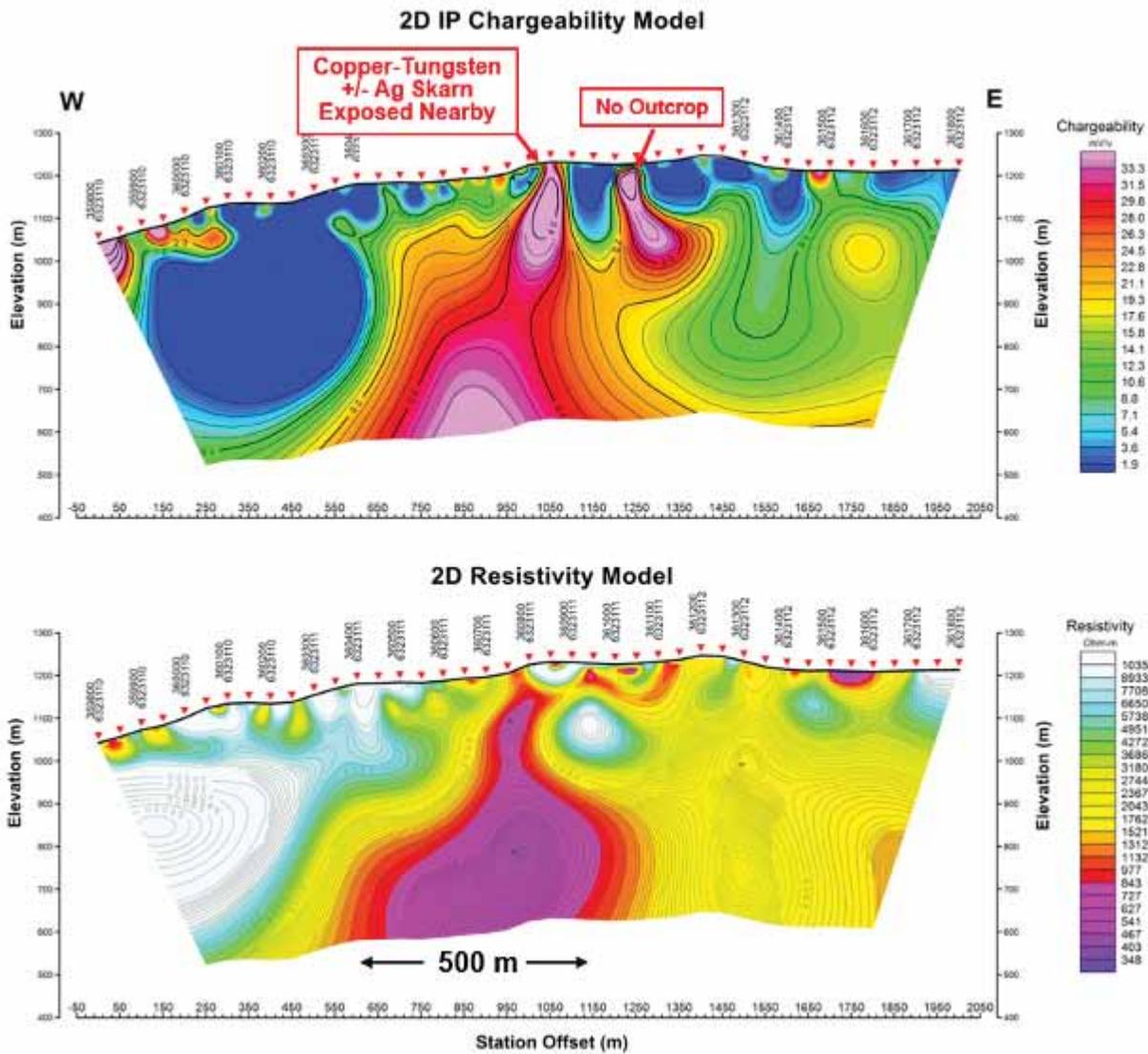
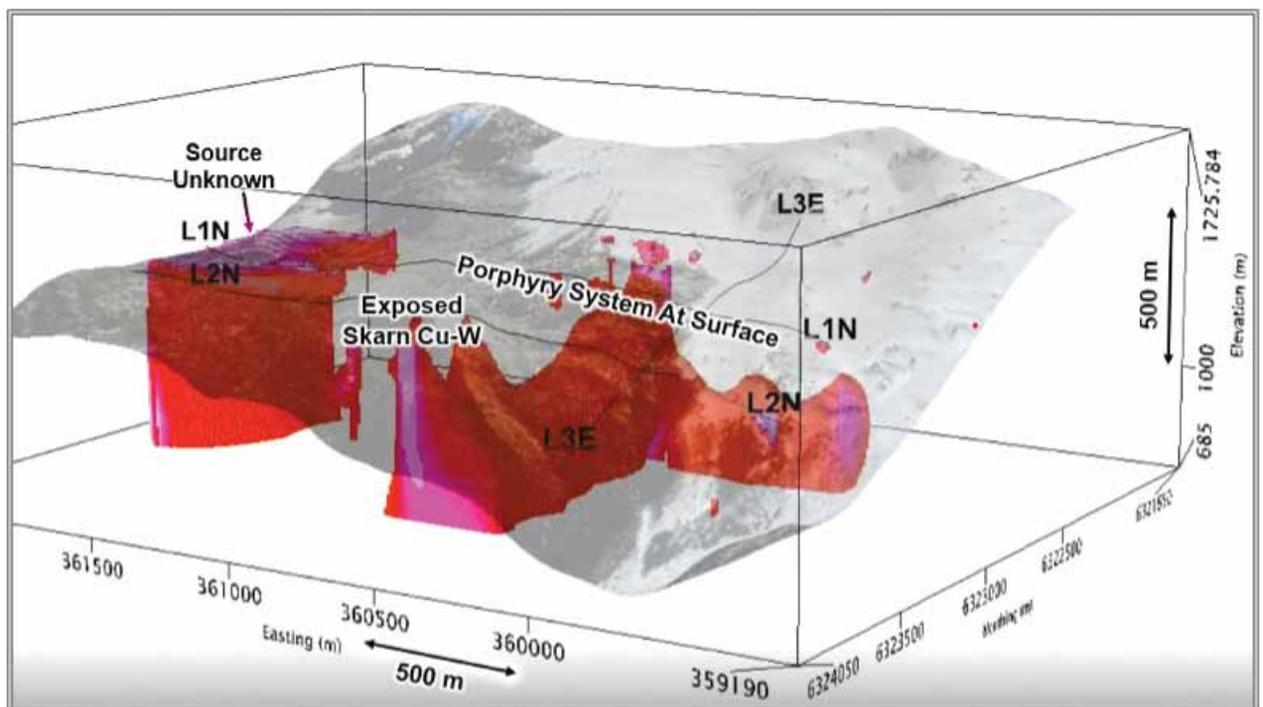


Figure 1: IP Chargeability (top) and Resistivity (bottom) inversion models, Line 2, Trek South.

Figure 2: Southeast looking orthogonal view of the Trek South 3D resistivity model derived from combined IP and MT data. Resistivity lows in red are believed to reflect sulphide mineralization beneath the exposed porphyry and skarn mineralization.



# Prospecting for potential: Unearthing the power of mining education and outreach



*Secondary students investigate mining careers at Teck's Highland Valley Copper Mine.*

If you've ever spent time around young kids, you know they can't help picking up every cool pebble they see and excitedly investigating it. Children are naturally curious about the world around them, from the smallest pebble to the largest mountains. At MineralsEd, we aim to inspire and nurture that innate drive to understand our natural environment by providing students and teachers across B.C. with high-quality and comprehensive educational materials on geoscience and mining.

Established in 1991 as a teacher-industry partnership, MineralsEd is a non-partisan, charitable organization that focuses on K-12 teacher and student geoscience and mining

education. MineralsEd offers a variety of in-classroom and virtual workshops, teacher and student field trips, activity books, online events and activities, and community outreach events. Over the 2022-2023 school year, MineralsEd has directly supported over 280 teachers and 2100 students, reaching 35 different communities across B.C., Canada, and internationally.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, MineralsEd continued to deliver valuable educational content across the province, adapting many of our in-person workshops and resources into virtual formats, including our popular Junior Geologist Classroom workshops and Intermediate Teacher Pro-D workshops. Even with lifting

restrictions, we continue offering our virtual workshops and resources to better serve remote communities across B.C. and Canada. We recently provided a virtual Pro-D workshop to teachers in places such as Powell River and Revelstoke, and a virtual Career Series for secondary students in Salmon Arm, Quesnel, Hazelton, Prince George, and Revelstoke.

We are looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year and the addition of our first full-time partner-teacher to our staff, who will design new workshops and update our current resources. This will significantly increase our capacity to facilitate classroom workshops for schools across B.C. We will also be fully implementing our new careers

program, "Mining 101: A Career in the Minerals Industry," which addresses low post-secondary enrollments in geoscience and mining programs in institutions across Canada and the upcoming skills gap in the minerals industry. This program will support career education in mining districts across the province. We have partnered with career educators in school district 83 to develop a comprehensive career education program that will introduce secondary students across the province to the various career paths available in the minerals industry. This program includes a career panel with industry professionals from trades and science backgrounds, followed by field trips to active mines and exploration sites. The program finishes with a trip to tour a local post-secondary institution, highlighting the variety of educational pathways to a rewarding career in the minerals industry.

With the support of industry and education partners, we will be developing a range of new and improved resources to educate and inspire the next generation of students on the vital role mining and mineral resources have in their lives, how the mining industry is changing and adapting to incorporate new technologies, and how to mine and live sustainably.

To find out how you or your organization can support geoscience and mining education in B.C., go to [www.MineralsEd.ca](http://www.MineralsEd.ca). 🌐



*Intermediate students from Burnaby learn about diamond drilling and mineral deposits at the annual AME Roundup Conference.*



*Students learning about the importance of Critical Minerals in Canada at the MineralsEd Mining Month Community Fair.*



# Britannia Mine Museum and its 100-year-old national historic site

**T**he Britannia Mine Museum is a multi-award-winning tourist destination and a memorable visitor attraction offering an immersive experience of a national historic site.

Located just 45 minutes north of Vancouver on the scenic drive to Whistler, the museum itself is a massive site with several heritage buildings and a modern visitor centre with a gift shop. The museum delights visitors with a range of meaningful exhibits and fully guided tours of the underground tunnels on an authentic mine train.

Gold panning is one of the most favourite activities for visitors of all ages where they can find real gold and colourful gemstones. There are fun interactive displays and a “blinged out” minerals gallery inside the visitor centre, and the Chatterbox Café where you can enjoy a sandwich and a hazelnut latte.

The museum also features a multi-sensory, special effects *BOOM!* show that brings the colossal Mill No. 3 building thundering back to life. The award-winning *BOOM!* show

was designed by producers who have worked on projects for Universal Studios and Hollywood productions, and is a thrilling, action-packed experience that shares the heart-warming stories of the people of Britannia Mine and the copper extraction process of Mill No. 3.

This year, the museum is celebrating 100 years of its Mill No. 3 building, which was designated a Canadian National Historic Site in 1987. The 20-storey Mill No. 3 building was an architectural feat of engineering at its time, built on the side of Mount Sheer at Britannia Beach over a period of 18 months, and completed in 1923.

The museum’s feature exhibit “100 Years of Mill No. 3” delves into how the Mill served as the heartbeat of the Britannia community, its history, technological innovations, and impact as an icon of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Mill No. 3 played a significant role in contributing to B.C.’s economic well-being until the Mine’s closure in 1974, and is Canada’s last remaining gravity-fed concentrator Mill.

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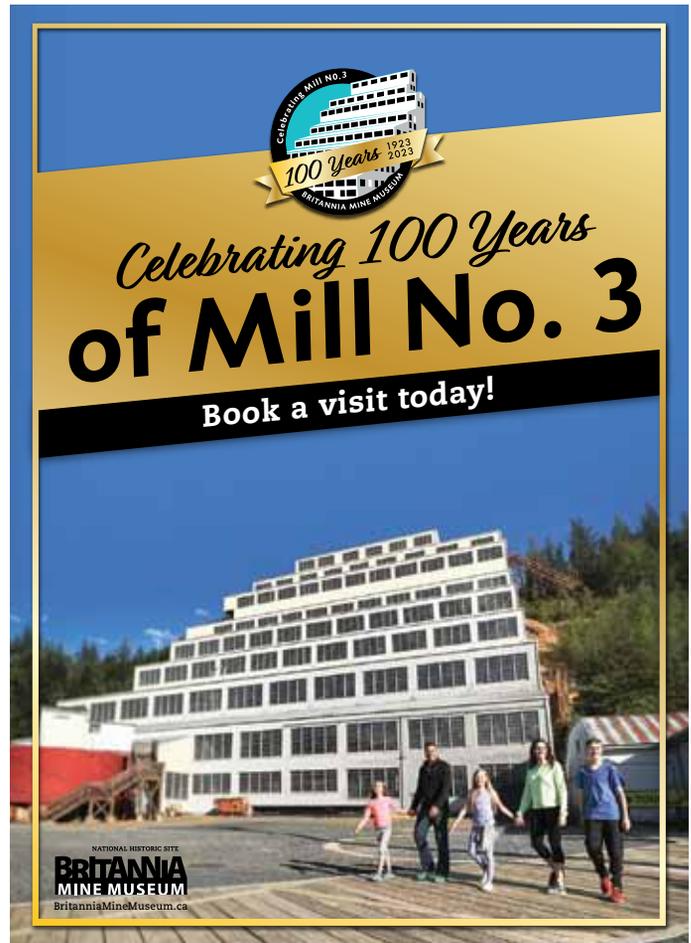
copper mines in the 1930s, the museum connects visitors to the past, present, and future of Canadian mining. Here, people can explore and learn about the remarkable lives of the more than 60,000 people from over 50 countries who worked and lived at the Britannia Mine town sites.

It's popular amongst school groups as the museum is a STEAM Education Partner, providing unique, entertaining, and memorable curriculum-based educational experiences that consider the relevance and impact of resource management and geologic exploration.

The Britannia Mine's curatorial staff presents historical and current information in fun, interactive, and relatable formats, allowing guests to reflect on what mining means to them today, and what it means for future generations.

The Britannia Mine Museum opens up a little-seen world that fascinates all ages, offering awe-inspiring sights and memorable family experiences. Take a step back in time at this award-winning attraction and National Historic Site. Located along the scenic Sea to Sky corridor/Hwy99 between Squamish and Vancouver.

The Britannia Mine Museum is open daily. Visit [www.britanniaminemuseum.ca](http://www.britanniaminemuseum.ca) for hours and tour times. 🌐



# “Safe Workplaces for All” program addresses workplace harassment in Canada’s mining industry

Everyone deserves to work in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment, yet sexual harassment and violence still occur in the mining workplace. Through industry collaboration and research, as well as the design and evaluation of public legal education and information (PLEI), the Mining Industry Human Resources Council (MiHR) launched “Safe Workplaces for All: Addressing Sexual Harassment in Canadian Mining” in April 2021. With funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Department of Justice, the program aims to help build sector capacity to support mineral exploration and mining companies to expand their knowledge of, and response to, workplace sexual harassment and violence.

Safe Workplaces for All has four key objectives: 1) support exploration and mining companies to identify sexual harassment and violence, and effectively respond to allegations as well as understand and comply with legislated requirements; 2) identify effective policy and procedural approaches; 3) enhance sector understanding to identify next steps for research, action, strategic engagement, and partnerships; and 4) affect systemic, organizational change to support respectful workplace cultures and advance inclusion and safety within the sector.

The Safe Workplaces for All Steering Committee (SWSC) oversees the program and is comprised of industry human resource and inclusion and

diversity experts from academia and various organizations. Members contribute to sector capacity and performance by sharing research findings, innovative approaches, and effective practises in relation to addressing sexual harassment and advancing workforce inclusion and diversity.

“Canada’s mining industry is on a journey towards more inclusive workplaces,” said MiHR executive director Ryan Montpellier. “While the industry has made progress, there is still much work to be done in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion. It is a critically important issue for the sector and MiHR is pleased to address it with our partners to help build more welcoming, inclusive, and safe workplaces for all.”

Montpellier spoke alongside Leslie Woolcott, MiHR’s director of equity, inclusion, and diversity, at the Safe Workplaces for All - Launching a Dialogue webinar on December 6, 2022 (available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/wjawM1B-WS8>) which coincided with the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The webinar featured Jackie Scales, director of equity, diversity, and inclusion at Teck Resources, Sharon Singh, partner at Bennett Jones LLP and the program’s legal consultant, and Dorena Quinn, senior vice-president, people at IAMGOLD and chair of the SWSC. With over 50 people in attendance, the webinar announced the launch of two resources that help

facilitate ongoing inter- and intra-sectoral dialogue on the important social issues the program highlights.

First, the Safe Workplaces for All report provides an analysis of the obligations, risks, and opportunities for addressing sexual harassment and violence in mining, and informs the development of educational resources for use by employers, unions, and employees. Second, the Safe Workplaces infographic provides an overview of legislative frameworks related to sexual harassment and violence in the industry. Both documents are available at [www.MiHR.ca](http://www.MiHR.ca).

Most recently, the program spurred the creation of a suite of educational posters, postcards, and stickers highlighting the rights, responsibilities, and supports available for employers, unions, and employees, including complainants, respondents, and witnesses. They are available to download at [www.MiHR.ca](http://www.MiHR.ca) and there is also a limited supply of printed materials available. Employers can reach out to [inclusion@mihhr.ca](mailto:inclusion@mihhr.ca) to order delivery of materials.

Looking forward, Safe Workplaces for All is developing additional materials as well as a mechanism for supporting ongoing discussion, particularly engaging male voices in the dialogue around sexual harassment and violence in mining workplaces. Visit [www.MiHR.ca](http://www.MiHR.ca) for more program information and latest updates, and contact [inclusion@mihhr.ca](mailto:inclusion@mihhr.ca) to get involved with the program. 🌱



# Leasing your equipment is a smart business decision

**O**ne misconception about equipment leasing is that it is always more expensive than purchasing equipment outright. While leasing does involve regular payments over a period of time, it can actually be a cost-effective option in certain situations.

The misconception stems from the fact that, over the long term, the total cost of leasing may be higher than the cost of purchasing the equipment outright. However, this viewpoint often overlooks several important factors.

Firstly, leasing allows businesses to acquire and use equipment without a large upfront capital investment. This can be particularly beneficial for small or new businesses with limited funds. By leasing, they can access the latest equipment and technology necessary for their operations without depleting their cash reserves.

Secondly, leasing offers flexibility and convenience. Businesses can tailor lease terms to their specific needs, including the duration of the lease and the option to upgrade or replace equipment as technology advances. This flexibility can be especially valuable in industries where

equipment quickly becomes outdated or needs frequent upgrades.

Furthermore, leasing often includes additional services such as maintenance, repairs, and equipment upgrades, depending on the agreement. These services can help reduce operational costs and ensure the equipment remains in optimal condition, saving the lessee from incurring additional expenses.

Lastly, leasing can provide tax benefits for businesses. In many jurisdictions, lease payments can be

fully deducted as operating expenses, reducing the taxable income. This can result in significant savings, particularly for businesses with high tax liabilities.

It's important to note that the decision to lease or purchase equipment depends on various factors, such as the specific needs of the business, the expected duration of equipment usage, cash flow considerations, and tax implications. It's advisable to carefully analyze the costs and benefits of both options before making a decision. ☺

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