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BC Mining Industry Responds Positively to Economic Update

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Vancouver BC -- The BC mining and minerals industry congratulates the Federal Government on the priorities set out in the economic update introduced in the House of Commons today.

“The combination of personal and corporate tax cuts and targeted spending on education, innovation and trade initiatives represents a sound strategy for encouraging continued growth and prosperity in BC and across the country,” says Mining Association of British Columbia President and CEO, Michael McPhie.

“We are encouraged to see significant resources being targeted towards workplace training programs. Our industry is undergoing a significant resurgence as a result of high demand for our products from Asian markets. The mining industry in Canada will have an estimated 81, 000 job openings over the next 10 years and these programs are essential for preparing a new workforce to take advantage of these opportunities,” said Mr. McPhie.

“We will continue to advocate for investments in necessary infrastructure, the extension of the Flow Through Share Program, which is set to expire at the end of this year, and support for the Britannia Earth Discovery and Mineral Museum Centre project in future federal budgets,” continued Mr. McPhie.

The Mining Association of British Columbia speaks on behalf of companies with producing or advanced development properties in the province, which represents the majority of BC’s \$4.5 billion dollar mining and minerals industry.

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