

## MISSION STATEMENT

These guiding principles reflect a commitment to building and sustaining positive long-term relationships between the First Nations, Metis Nation, Northern Community Councils, the Minerals Industry and the Province of Manitoba.

The initiative is an investment in the future and well-being of communities and the industry. It creates an opportunity to establish a balance between the needs of industry, communities and the environment. The parties will benefit from equity in communication and decision-making and the creation of new opportunities for sustainable growth and human development.



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this initiative is to build long-term relationships based on mutual trust, respect and understanding with regards to rights, culture, values and traditions. These guiding principles will not result in any infringement of the exercise of the existing Aboriginal Rights and Treaty Rights and jurisdictional autonomy. Within these guiding principles existing third party rights will be respected.

The parties recognize the importance of developing guiding principles related to the following objectives:

- keeping the commitment strong
- information sharing
- open consultation
- creating opportunities and building capacities
- protecting environmental integrity
- policy review and development

