

MANITOBA MINERALS GUIDELINE ENCOURAGES ABORIGINAL/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

The Manitoba Minerals Guideline is an initiative dedicated to building relationships and creating opportunities among aboriginal groups, the mining industry and the Manitoba government. It seeks to establish a balance among the needs of industry, communities and the environment.

Manitoba government initiatives consistent with the Guideline objectives include

- a new Prospector Training Program, developed with University College of the North, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Government of Canada and the minerals sector,
- Aboriginal Mining Workshops,
- Community Open Forums, and
- the Trilateral Resource Access Committee: an agreement with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Government of Canada.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

PHOTOS: Schist Lake mine site, Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting



BEFORE



AFTER

Mine site reclamation is now standard within the industry. Provincial mine closure regulations and cooperative industry and government initiatives on orphaned/abandoned mines are helping to address long-term environmental impacts of mining operations.

RESPONSIVE POLICY ENCOURAGES EXPLORATION, MEETS COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS

Manitoba ranks as one of the most efficient jurisdictions in Canada with an open, transparent and streamlined permitting process.

The province continues to work diligently to ensure that issues related to permitting, land access, land tenure and environmental stewardship are addressed in a clear and open manner to help reduce uncertainty and increase investor confidence.

Protected Areas Initiative

In Manitoba, the mining sector has been an active participant in consultations regarding the province's Protected Areas Initiative (PAI). This consultation process is unique in Canada and provides the industry with confidence that areas of high mineral potential will be identified and avoided for the purposes of protection under PAI.

"...through the Mining Association of Manitoba, we've been able to work co-operatively with a number of mining companies here to identify large areas that could be set aside with no mining! In fact, some 40 areas have been agreed upon so far, totaling 9 million acres – an accomplishment which I can tell you, conservationists in other provinces can hardly believe."

MONTE HUMMEL,
OC, President, World Wildlife Fund Canada
from a speech to the Canadian Club of Winnipeg,
Manitoba, May 24, 2001

