

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

SERVICE PLAN SUMMARY

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Message from the Minister

As this government begins our new mandate, I am committed to seeing this Ministry contribute to a golden decade of prosperity for the people of British Columbia and the realization of all five of our Great Goals. The environmentally and socially responsible development of the energy, mining, and petroleum resource sectors will provide the building blocks for our communities and the economy. These vibrant sectors now contribute over \$3 billion annually to government revenue, providing funding for our goals related to education, healthy living and health care, as well as support for those most in need.

By delivering on the Ministry's goals and objectives in our service plan, we will build on our successes of the last four years — and strive for thriving, safe, and competitive energy, mining and petroleum resource sectors which contribute to the economic growth and development of communities in British Columbia.



Honourable Richard Neufeld
Minister of Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources

February 2006



Message from the Minister of State

This last year has been full of successes for provincial mineral exploration and mining. This year we saw the highest level of interest in mineral exploration in decades: \$220 million in 2005, an increase of 70 per cent over 2004, and 630 per cent over 2001 investment. This investor confidence means we will continue to have high-paying resource jobs and a growing service sector.

As the Minister of State for Mining, I intend to continue to support the work of the BC Mining Plan and our great goals of environmental leadership and job creation. We will be working with First Nations and communities to expand the success of mining training programs, doing more geoscience, and working with communities to talk about the benefits of mining. And, I will continue to consult with First Nations and communities to balance local interests in order to make British Columbia a world leader in sustainable and environmentally responsible mining.



Honourable Bill Bennett
Minister of State for Mining

February 2006



Purpose of the Ministry

The Ministry manages the responsible development of the province's energy, mining and petroleum resource sectors. As prices for natural gas, oil, electricity and minerals remain strong, British Columbians can expect to see continued resource development opportunities. The Ministry performance plan outlines our strategies to increase jobs, investment and revenue related to these sectors, while acting as an environmental steward protecting the affected land base.

The Ministry administers 25 energy and mining sector statutes. In addition, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is responsible for the Assayers Certification Board of Examiners, BC Hydro and Power Authority, the BC Transmission Corporation, the Columbia Power Corporation, the Mediation and Arbitration Board and the Oil and Gas Commission.

Ministry Goals

- » ***Thriving and competitive energy, mineral and petroleum resource sectors***
- » ***Safe and environmentally responsible energy, mineral and petroleum resource development and use***
- » ***The Ministry, First Nations, communities and industry working cooperatively for the responsible development and use of BC's energy, mineral and petroleum resources***

Support for the Five Great Goals

These resource sectors make a significant contribution to achieving the first three Great Goals by generating substantial government revenue to support the high level of health care, education and social services set by the Goals. The Ministry's strong policy and regulatory framework will continue to facilitate robust resource sectors. In support of Great Goal Four, the Ministry will promote best practices for oil and gas development, maintain effective, efficient regulation of mines and mineral exploration sites aimed at health, safety and environmental best practices, and support the development and use of alternative energy technology and energy efficiency measures. Supporting Great Goal Five, the Ministry encourages responsible growth and investment in the energy, mineral and petroleum resource sectors to create safe, family-supporting jobs for British Columbians.

Cross Ministry Initiatives

The Ministry will work with other agencies to accelerate the development of energy and mineral opportunities in areas where the Mountain Pine Beetle has impacted our forests; to expand and diversify our energy and mineral exports to the Asia-Pacific region; to support the government's regulatory reform initiative by meeting its target of no net increase in regulations over the next three years; to operationalise the New Relationship with First Nations by developing programs to train aboriginal people and facilitate their employment in the energy, mineral and petroleum resources sectors, and to support treaty negotiations.



Ministry Vision and Mission

Vision

Thriving, safe, environmentally responsible and competitive energy, mining and petroleum resource sectors, which contribute to the economic growth and development of communities in British Columbia

Mission

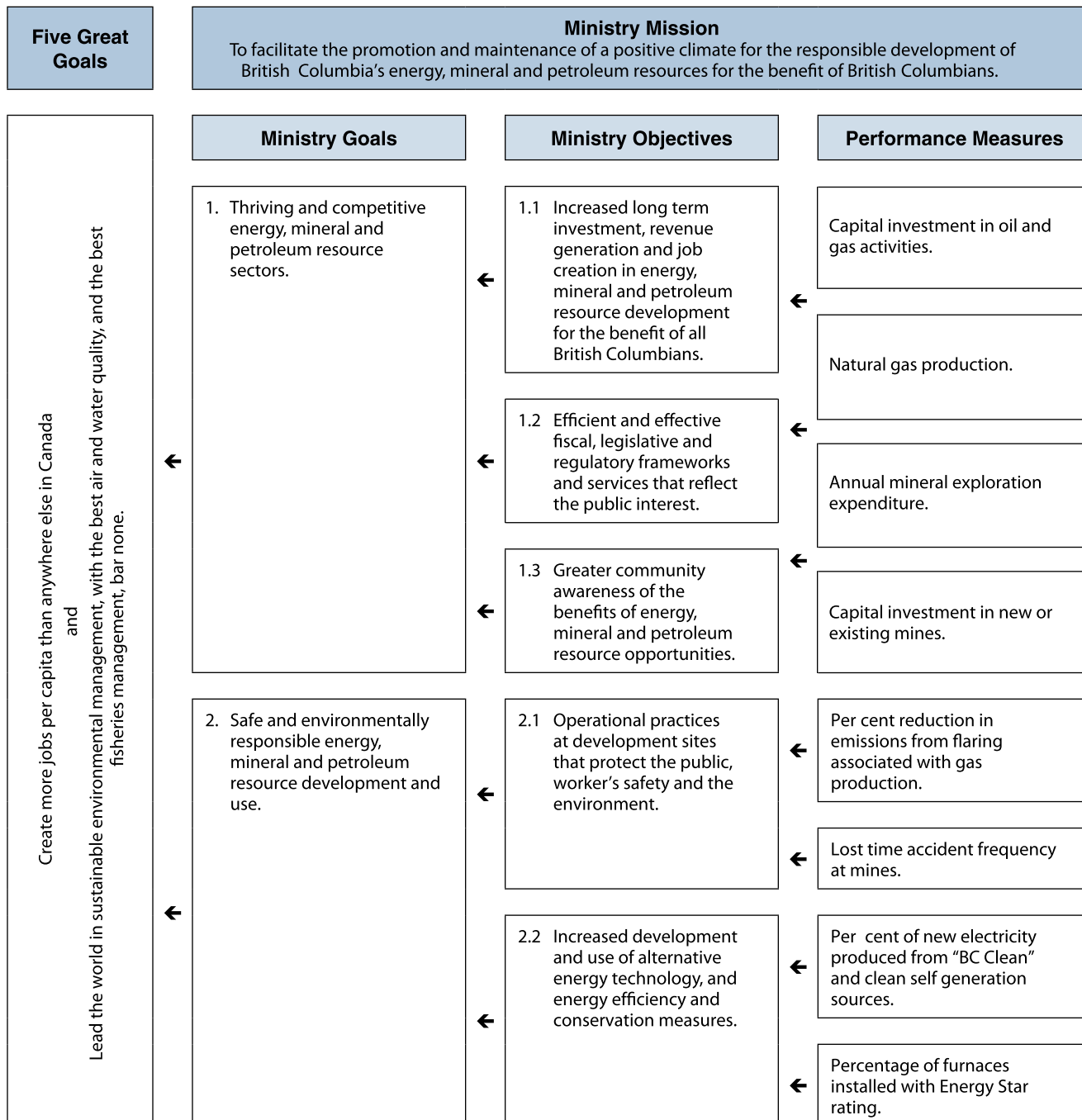
To facilitate the promotion and maintenance of a positive climate for the responsible development of British Columbia's energy, mineral and petroleum resources for the benefit of British Columbians

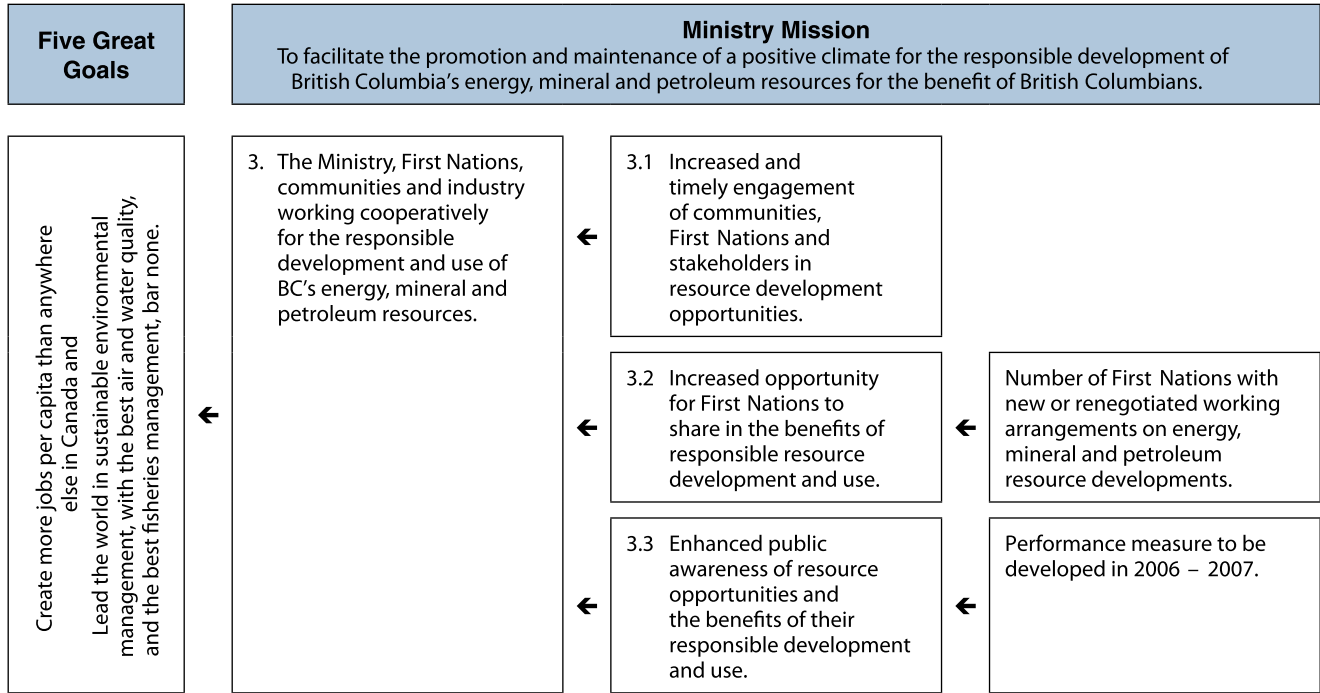
Core Business Areas

- 1. Oil and Gas** - The Oil and Gas Division is responsible for policies and programs to enhance the oil and gas regulatory regime for the protection of human health and the environment and to maximize the benefits from the Province's oil and gas resources, by increasing revenue and business opportunities, implementing innovative oil and gas infrastructure and royalty programs, developing the Interior Basins, and promoting British Columbia's oil and gas geological potential. The Titles Division issues and administers tenures for Crown-owned petroleum and natural gas, geothermal and underground gas storage rights, and collects associated revenues.
- 2. Offshore Oil and Gas** - The Offshore Oil and Gas Division seeks to enable offshore oil and gas development to occur in British Columbia in a scientifically sound and environmentally responsible manner. The Division will continue to work with communities, First Nations, the Federal Government and key stakeholders to develop a comprehensive regulatory regime and advance knowledge of offshore energy development.
- 3. Mining and Minerals** - The Mining and Minerals Division develops and implements policies and programs to enhance British Columbia's international competitiveness to attract investment in mineral exploration and mining. The Division is responsible for health, safety and environmental regulation at mine sites. It manages the exploration and development of mineral resources to ensure the involvement of communities, environmental organizations and First Nations, and is responsible for the development and implementation of the BC Mining Plan. The Titles Division issues and administers tenures for Crown-owned mineral, placer and coal rights. In January 2005, the Division implemented "Mineral Titles Online", an internet-based mineral tenure acquisition and maintenance system.
- 4. Electricity and Alternative Energy** - The Electricity and Alternative Energy Division develops and implements policies and programs to support electrical power generation, alternative energy sources, energy efficiency measures and evolving technologies. The Division is responsible for implementing the electricity and alternative energy policy actions in "Energy for Our Future: A Plan for BC," for developing and implementing provincial policy with respect to BC Hydro and the BC Transmission Corporation, and for ensuring that British Columbia's energy interests in inter-jurisdictional issues are met.
- 5. Marketing, Aboriginal and Community Relations** - The Marketing, Aboriginal and Community Relations Division provides corporate services to the other divisions including, the Ministry's First Nations and community engagement strategies, corporate policy, strategic planning, intergovernmental relations and legislation. The Division is responsible for advancing the New Relationship with First Nations and working with communities to promote energy, mineral and petroleum resource development throughout BC.
- 6. Executive and Support Services** - Support services, payroll, human resources and budgeting are provided by the Management Services Division as a shared service with the Ministry of Economic Development.

Ministry Performance Plan Summary

This section details each of the ministry's goals, objectives and performance measures and illustrates how they contribute to government's Five Great Goals.





Front Page Photo: The Cutbank Ridge natural gas play located South of Dawson Creek BC uses leading edge technology including horizontal drilling and 3-D seismic.

Inside Page Photo: Rutherford Creek, a run-of-river hydroelectric power facility near Pemberton BC, generates enough electricity annually to meet the needs of 7,000 households.

Back Page Photo: The Line Creek Mine, located 27 km North of Sparwood BC, is an open pit mine that produces thermal and metallurgical coal.



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