



## COVID reminds us why mining is critically important

During these challenging times created by the COVID pandemic, we are reminded why the minerals industry is so important to the economy. A good example is demonstrated by Dominion Diamond Mines, which just submitted its [Ekati annual report](#) as required under its socio economic agreement with the Northwest Territories Government. 2019 highlights from the Ekati diamond mine include:

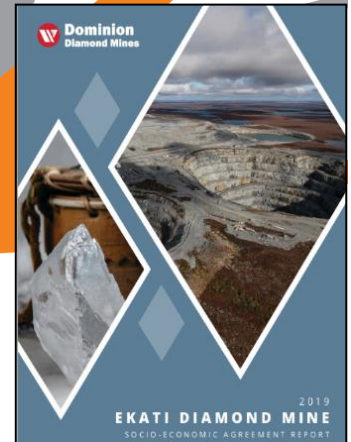
- 1,186 jobs (person years employment)
- \$398.0 million business spending

That is just one mine. When you combine the most recent available data (2018) from all seven NWT and Nunavut mines, it truly is significant:

- 7,602 jobs (person years employment)
- \$2.8 billion business spending

For more details on benefits of mining in Northwest Territories, see the territorial government's 2018 socio-economic agreement report on diamond mine [here](#).

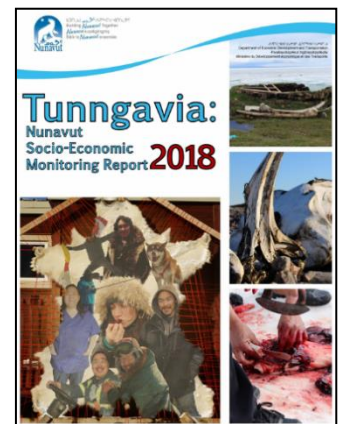
For more details on benefits of mining in Nunavut, see the territorial government's 2018 Nunavut Socio-Economic Monitoring Report, the first territory-wide account of the impacts and benefits of mining in the territory [here](#). The NSEMR combines the 2017 regional reports.



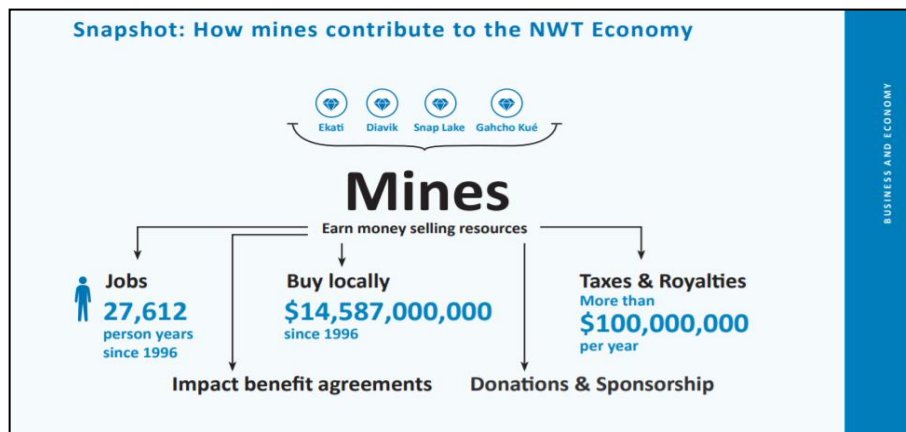
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