

# The Minerals Industry in Nunavut - An untapped job creator for Nunavut -

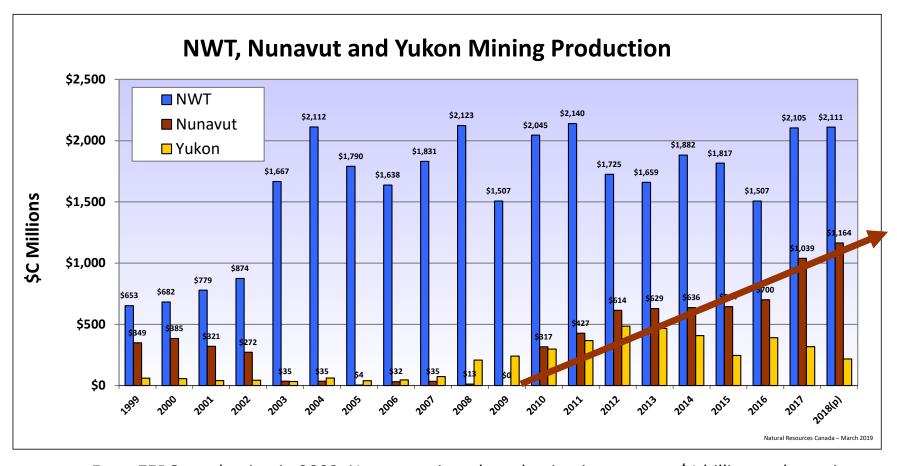
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#### **Key Messages**

- Nunavut minerals industry is producing significant value
- Mining's future looks bright
- Employment benefits can be bigger (i.e. more jobs for Nunavummiut)
- A multi-party mining employment strategy can help improve employment outcomes for Nunavummiut



## Nunavut's mining industry is growing



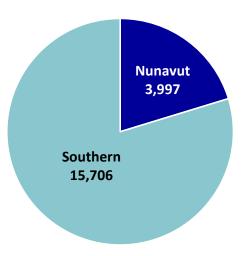


- From ZERO production in 2009, Nunavut mineral production is now over \$1 billion and growing
- It means more jobs, more business spending, more taxes & royalties

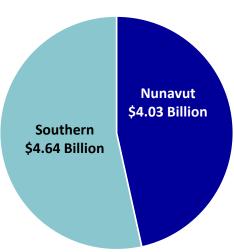
#### Nunavut mining creates significant benefits

(data from 2009-2018)

Mine Employment (over 19,000 total)



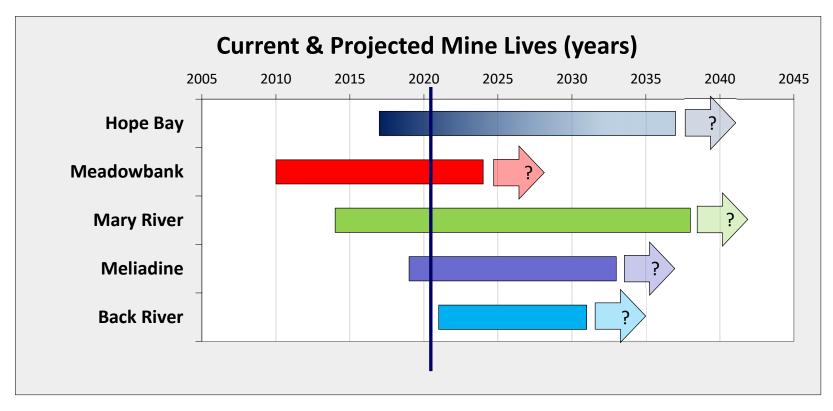
Mine Spending (\$8.7 billion total)



- Mining is good for Nunavut and for southern Canada too
- Additional benefits: Significant taxes and royalties to Inuit and public governments



#### And the future of Nunavut mining & benefits is bright

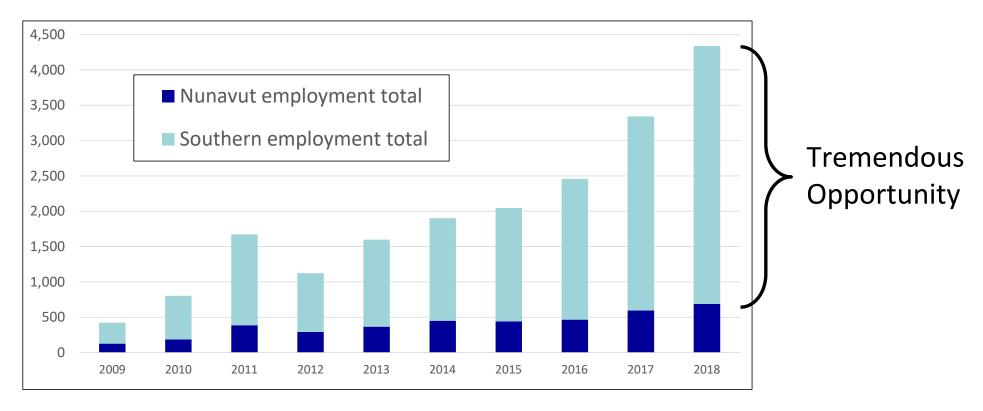








### Huge opportunity to capture more job benefits



- Currently many Nunavut mining jobs are filled by southerners
- There is a tremendous opportunity for Nunavummiut to capture more jobs



#### Some actions to increase Nunavut employment

- Raise public awareness of importance of mining to NU
- Increase education levels
  - Encourage, reward Nunavummiut to stay in school, graduate
  - Ignite students' interest and passion for mining
  - Use role models, teachers, guidance counselors
- Train for success.
  - Establish training programs with industry
  - Provide jobs at the end
  - Fund the training
- Increase workforce retention / decrease turnover
  - Support workers with fly-in/out challenges
  - Provide social supports in communities

#### Partner for success

- Public governments
- Inuit government
- Companies
- Communities
- Others?



#### **Need a multi-party Mining Jobs Strategy**

- Recognizes that no one party can do this alone
  - Needs participation of industry, communities, public and Inuit governments
- Sets high goals
  - And establishes action plans to reach them
- Is well funded by partners
- Targets specific audiences, eg, youth, general public, etc.
- Creates pride in Nunavummiut working in Nunavut's minerals industry
- The newly created Nunavut Mining Education Working Group provides a good opportunity to start this work



#### One tool to help: MiningNorthWorks!

#### Ignite the interest of Nunavummiut in the minerals industry

- New communications tools
  - <u>Careers catalogue</u> over 150 different mining jobs
  - Website
  - Posters, infographics, factsheets, & 'Mining 101' booklet
  - Career fair and trade show participation
  - Resource booklet for schools/teachers
- Many positive messages
  - Mining/exploration benefits
  - Diverse careers/role models
  - Did you knows?
  - Minerals in our lives





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## Why mining is important: people success!

