

“It was a pleasure to present to the WiM Group on Thursday, January 13th. As promised, here are the details from my talk. I can’t stress enough, the importance of becoming involved in your career affiliated Association through committee work and participation at the executive level, and for companies to support these Associations, and the Industry, by becoming members. If you have any questions about this, I’d be happy to try and answer them and can be reached at patty.moore@wardrop.com or 604-408-3788, ext. 258.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MINING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION INDUSTRY IN BC

- The safe, modern mineral exploration and mining sector employs 26,000 people in more than 50 BC communities. In addition, there are several thousand additional jobs in the service sector that rely on exploration and the mining industry.
- Sixty per cent of Canadian exploration companies are based in BC, raising \$2.9 billion in equity capital (about 40 per cent of the total equity capital for Canadian-listed exploration companies).
- Despite the global financial downturn, companies spent \$367 million on 388 exploration projects in BC in 2008 – just off the record level reached in 2007; and over 1,300 percent the investment level in 1999.

BC IS A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION

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BC IS PROUD OF ITS MINERAL HERITAGE, AND HAS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL

The Past

- BC’s minerals have been used and traded for thousands of years. Obsidian from Mount Edziza in northwestern BC was first extracted over 10,000 years ago and was traded as far away as present-day Alberta and Alaska.

The Future

- There are currently 26 major mining projects seeking permitting or environment approvals in BC. If even six were to be approved within the next 18 months the economy – and BC workers – would benefit from creation of these safe, high paying jobs.
- The area that would be served by the Northwest Transmission Line, the Golden Triangle in northwestern BC, hosts the potential for \$15 billion in investment, almost 11,000 jobs, and \$300 million in annual government revenues.

KEY ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Mining Suppliers Association of BC (MSABC)	<p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong partner of MABC in building industry initiatives and supporting advocacy efforts. • Organize industry networking events to bring mining companies and suppliers together – 4 major events each year – Spring Fling (April 7), Bob Hallbauer Golf Tournament (July), Western Mine Maintenance Reception (Nov), Pre-Festive Reception (Nov) • Major contributor to industry events and programs, education and charitable causes, including annual donations to the Mineral Resources Education Program of BC and the Children’s Hospital Mining for Miracles Campaign <p>Membership: Engineering firms, equipment providers, service suppliers, law firms, accountants, etc. – any company supporting the mining industry.</p>	<p>www.miningsuppliersbc.ca</p> <p>Mining Suppliers Association of B.C. (MSABC) Suite 900, 808 W. Hastings Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2X4</p> <p>Phone: 604-681-4321 (Ext. 111) Fax: 604-681-5305</p> <p>President: Terry Mulligan Chair: Patty Moore</p> <p>Membership Enquiries: Alec Morrison Director, MSABC Relations.</p>
Association of Mineral Exploration BC (AME BC)	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AME BC has grown to be one of the most respected mineral exploration organizations in North America. • The committees of AME BC are the driving force and expertise behind our advocacy work and are key contributors to the overall success of the Association. • Annual conference – Roundup – attracts over 8,000 delegates. Last week of January. <p>Membership: AME BC represents thousands of members including geoscientists, prospectors, engineers, entrepreneurs, exploration companies, suppliers, mineral producers, and associations who are engaged in mineral exploration in BC and throughout the world. Through leadership, partnerships, and advocacy, AME BC promotes a healthy environment and business climate for the mineral exploration industry. AME BC is the predominant voice of mineral exploration in British Columbia.</p>	<p>www.amebc.ca</p> <p>Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia Suite 800 - 889 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6C 3B2</p> <p>For General Inquiries: Phone: 604-689-5271 Fax: 604-681-2363 E-mail: info@amebc.ca</p> <p>President & CEO: Gavin Dirom Chair: Lena Brommeland</p> <p>Membership Enquiries: Tim Kim, Manager Member Information and Events Phone: 604-630-3929 E-mail: tkim@amebc.ca</p>

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<p>Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM)</p>	<p>Overview: The Institute was incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada in 1898 as the Canadian Mining Institute. In 1920, it became the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and in 1990, the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. The Mining Society of Nova Scotia, incorporated in 1887, is affiliated with the Institute.</p> <p>The Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), the leading technical society of professionals associated with the Canadian minerals and materials industry, has 11,000 members from industry, government and academia who are dedicated to the discovery, production, utilization and economics of minerals, metals and petroleum. Thousands more are also involved as CIM Branch members all across Canada. CIM periodicals also reach 2,000 other subscribers across the world in various universities and libraries. Most CIM members live in Canada although around 1,000 live abroad.</p> <p>CIM Vancouver Chapter: Holds monthly luncheon meetings with presentations by industry professionals, particularly mining companies. Luncheons held January-June and September and October.</p> <p>Student Night every November.</p>	<p>www.cim.org</p> <p>CIM National Office Suite 1250, 3500 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Westmount, QC H3Z 3C1</p> <p>Tel.: 514-939-2710 Fax: 514-939-2714 E-mail: cim@cim.org</p> <p>CIM Vancouver Chapter Contacts:</p> <p>Chair: Tom Broddy E-mail: tbroddy@tkomines.com</p> <p>Technical Chair: Mike Petrina E-mail: mpetrina@magsilver.com</p> <p>Event Planner: Ana Maria Rollke E-mail: anamaria.rollke@yahoo.ca</p>
<p>Vancouver Mining Exploration Group (MEG)</p>	<p>Overview: The Vancouver Mining Exploration Group (M.E.G.) is a non-profit organization directed by mining, exploration and government representatives. The M.E.G. exists to promote the sociable exchange of geological and technical information at a series of luncheon meetings held during the traditional 'off season' (fall through spring of each year). The meetings feature talks on new discoveries, breaking developments and deposit descriptions. The M.E.G. was founded in 1957 and has served as a model for at least three similar groups in Calgary, Kamloops and Smithers.</p>	<p>www.vancouvermeg.com</p> <p>Vancouver MEG c/o: Lena Brommeland 800 West Pender Street, Suite 1020 Vancouver, BC, Canada V6C 2V6</p> <p>Contact: Lena Brommeland Fax: 604-662-8956 E-mail: info@vancouvermeg.com</p>

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<p>Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)</p>	<p>Overview: The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) represents the interests of the Canadian mineral exploration and development industry. The association was established in 1932 in response to a proposed government regulation that threatened the livelihood of Ontario prospectors. A brief history of the association is available here. Today, 76 years after its founding, the association is a national organization with 6,000 individual members (including prospectors, developers, geoscientists, consultants, mining executives, and students, as well as those involved in the drilling, financial, investment, legal and other support fields) and 950 corporate members (including senior, mid-size and junior mining companies and organizations providing services to the mineral industry).</p> <p>The work of the association is guided by the following mission statement:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The PDAC exists to protect and promote the interests of the Canadian mineral exploration sector and to ensure a robust mining industry in Canada. The PDAC will encourage the highest standards of technical, environmental, safety and social practices in Canada and internationally.</i></p> <p>The association's activities and the services it provides fall generally into three categories: advocacy, information, and networking. The association is best known for its annual convention, trade show, and investors exchange. In 2008, this event attracted over 20,000 attendees from more than 100 countries.</p> <p>Annual Conference first week of March</p>	<p>www.pdac.ca</p> <p>Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada 135 King Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1G6</p> <p>Phone: 416-362-1969 E-mail: info@pdac.ca</p> <p>Executive Director: Tony Andrews Membership: Florence MacLeod E-mail: fmacleod@pdac.ca Phone: 416-362-1969, ext. 221</p>