

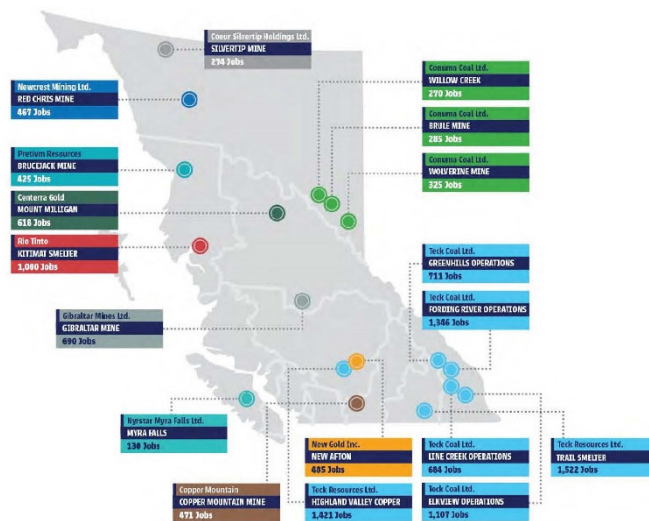
Mining and British Columbia

Mining is an essential activity, providing the minerals, metals, steelmaking coal, and aggregate needed to build and make the products we use every day of our lives. Mining involves a number of activities including exploration, development, extraction, processing and smelting, reclamation/restoration, and the many support activities.

MINING SUPPORTS BC COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES

Minerals are vital to meeting our every day needs. Copper is used to conduct electricity to power our homes. Phones, computers, pipes, bicycles, and green, zero-emission vehicles – all have materials that are found in BC.

Mining is foundational to BC's economy and our standard of living. The industry generated \$12.3 billion in economic activity, supported 33,000 jobs and provided more than \$1 billion in taxes to government in 2019 to pay for public services.



ONE PROVINCE ONE ECONOMY

Every BC community is a mining community – including those in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island. In 2018, the mining sector supported 3,700 small, medium, and Indigenous businesses in 215 communities by purchasing almost \$3 billion in BC-based goods and services.

Aggregates including crushed stone, sand and gravel, and quarried rock are the most abundant natural resource available. It is used in construction, agriculture, and other chemical and metallurgical industries. Aggregate is produced in or near almost every city and town and is a major contributor to the economy in every region of British Columbia.

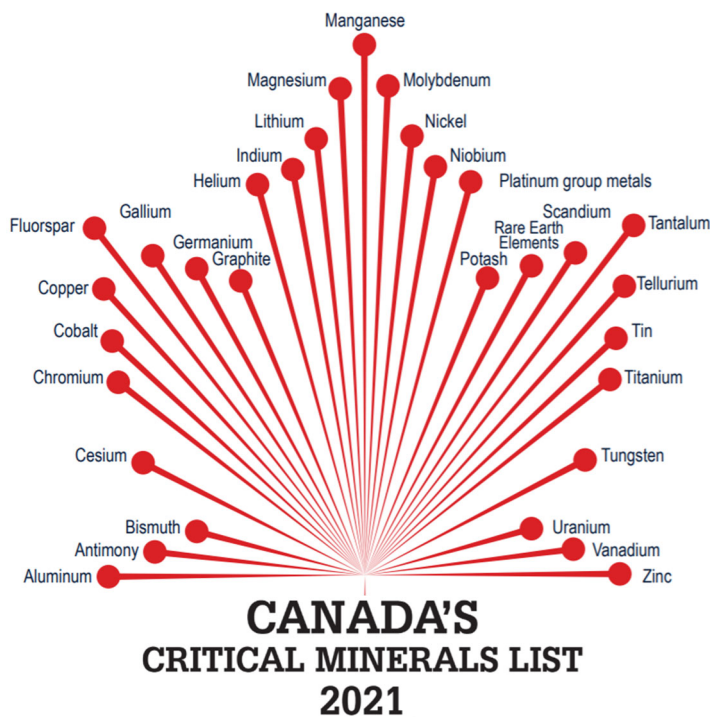
ADVANCING ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION

BC's mining sector is a leader in advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through numerous agreements and partnerships that reflect UNDRIP principles.

- Mining is the largest private sector employer of Indigenous peoples in Canada. At the Brucejack and Red Chris mines in Northern BC, for example, more than 30% of each mine's work force is Indigenous
- 46 Indigenous nations in BC share directly in mineral tax revenue from mines operating within their traditional territories, with \$98 million in payments made to date.
- BC's mining sector purchased \$265 million in goods and services from 120 Indigenous businesses in 2018.

CLEAN BC

BC has some of the lowest GHG emission-intensive mines and smelters in the world, producing low-carbon minerals and metals needed to transition to a cleaner, low-carbon future. Increasing the global market share of BC's copper, gold, steel-making coal, and aluminum will help lower GHG emissions globally.



From the copper needed for electric cars, to the metallurgical coal that makes wind turbines, a lower carbon world needs BC minerals and metals. The average 2MW wind turbine requires 5 tonnes of copper and 260 tonnes of steel made with 170 tonnes of steelmaking coal.

On March 11, 2021 the Government of Canada released a list of 31 minerals considered critical for the sustainable economic success of Canada and our allies and to position Canada as a leading jurisdiction in the green, low-carbon future as a producer. These minerals and metals are essential to domestic industry and security and have the potential to support secure and resilient supply chains to meet global demand. The 31 critical minerals are used to develop clean technologies, from solar panels to EV batteries.