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## **PREMIER ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF THE HARDROCK PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Premier Gold Mines Website – Dec 17

Premier Gold is pleased to announce that the Environmental Assessment (“EA”) for the Hardrock Project (the “Project”) was approved on December 13, 2018 by the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The multi-million ounce gold mining project, as proposed by Greenstone Gold Mines, consists of the construction, operation, decommissioning, and abandonment of an open pit and onsite metal mill located near Geraldton, in northern Ontario (see Minister’s Decision Statement). The decision follows a thorough and science-based environmental assessment conducted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency with the participation of Indigenous groups, the public, and federal departments including Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Health Canada, and Natural Resources Canada. Participating provincial ministries included the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. “The Ministers’ approval of the EA is a significant milestone for the Hardrock Project. Our engagement with representatives of the local Indigenous communities, local communities and the various government agencies has been very positive throughout the process and we look forward to continued advancement of the Project”, stated John Begeman, Executive Chairman of Premier.

[https://www.premiergoldmines.com/news/press-releases/premier-announces-federal-government-approval-of-the-hardrock-project-environmental-assessment?fbclid=IwAR3rCm7J4fn7YhR\\_AwDqBjz6ECYZoitjCGB\\_aN619PEmgymVkBLuNETKDKc](https://www.premiergoldmines.com/news/press-releases/premier-announces-federal-government-approval-of-the-hardrock-project-environmental-assessment?fbclid=IwAR3rCm7J4fn7YhR_AwDqBjz6ECYZoitjCGB_aN619PEmgymVkBLuNETKDKc)

## **ZENYATTA ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF FLOW-THROUGH FINANCING AND SHARES FOR DEBT**

Zenyatta Website – Dec 21

Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. is pleased to announce closing of its previously announced private placement of flow-through common shares of the Company (the “Offering”). The Company raised \$3,000,000 in respect of the Offering, which will be used to fund bulk sampling, environmental assessment and community engagement work on the Company’s Albany Graphite Project. The Offering consisted of the issuance of 7,500,000 flow-through common shares at a price of \$0.40 per flow-through common share, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,000,000. Finders fees in an aggregate amount of \$141,300 were paid by the Company in connection to the Offering.

<https://www.zenyatta.ca/zenyatta-announces-closing-of-flow-through-financing-and-shares-for-debt/>

## **ONTARIO NAMES FORMER LAC SEUL CHIEF AS ‘SPECIAL ADVISOR’ ON INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS**

CBC News – Dec 28

The province announced on Friday that Clifford Bull will be a "special adviser" on Indigenous affairs. A written release stated that Bull will advise Indigenous Affairs Minister Greg Rickford on economic, social and jurisdictional issues affecting Indigenous communities. According to the government, Bull will also "serve as a liaison" on behalf of Premier Doug Ford and Rickford, with Indigenous communities. Bull ran for the PCs in the newly-created Kiiwetinoong riding in the 2018 provincial election, finishing second behind the NDP's Sol Mamakwa.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/clifford-bull-special-advisor-1.4960492>

## **LABOUR MINISTER BULLISH ON NORTHERN ECONOMY**

89.5 The Lake – Jan 3

A northwestern Ontario MP is hoping to shift focus to adding natural resources-based jobs to the regional economy in 2019. Labour Minister Patty Hajdu believes the federal government is starting to make some progress on the Ring of Fire. She says many governments have "tried to crack the Ring of Fire nut."

Hajdu says other priorities include getting the support that this regions need, whether it's investments or improvements to our educational institutions and infrastructure.

<http://www.895thelake.ca/news/910717052/labor-minister-bullish-northern-economy>

### **BROKE ONTARIO KEEP SPENDING**

Chronicle Journal – Jan 7

Also last week, as the province continued to be mired in a mountain of debt, Indigenous Affairs Minister Greg Rickford hired a “special adviser” — failed provincial Tory candidate Clifford Bull. Bull, a former Lac Seul First Nation chief, is a fine fellow and eminently qualified, of that there is no doubt. But that’s not the point. Surely a financial adviser worth her salt would tell Rickford that — given the province’s appalling balance sheet — that he could get by with the myriad of Indigenous advisers who are not on the government payroll, but are equally clued-in to Indigenous issues. Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Chiefs of Ontario, Matawa First Nations, to name but a few — they’re all available to talk to Rickford and fill him in. All he has to do is pick up a phone. Besides, where is the money for Bull’s advice going to come from? Ontario’s wallet is empty.

[http://www.chroniclejournal.com/opinion/editorials/broke-ontario-keep-spending/article\\_0c39aeb2-12fc-11e9-a99e-e3c579421e07.html](http://www.chroniclejournal.com/opinion/editorials/broke-ontario-keep-spending/article_0c39aeb2-12fc-11e9-a99e-e3c579421e07.html)