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RING OF FIRE DISCOVERER DIES

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Sudbury-born Richard Nemis, best known for his company's discovery of the Ring of Fire, died on March 9. It was Nemis, a big fan of Johnny Cash, who gave the massive chromite discovery in the James Bay lowlands its nickname.

https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/ring-of-fire-discoverer-dies-1317487?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

OPINION – ONTARIO MINING ASSOCIATION LOOKS FORWARD

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The province's recent proposal to review the Far North Act has the potential to create a much more balanced and data-driven approach to Far North land use planning and to align interests to ensure that the province, industry, and local Indigenous communities all benefit. We are encouraged to see progress on the ground, given reports that Webequie First Nation has initiated an environmental assessment to build a supply road in the Ring of Fire.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/03/14/opinion-ontario-mining-association-looks-forward/>

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION AND AECON ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO EXPLORE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTION

Cision – Mar 14

Marten Falls First Nation and Aecon Group Inc. announced today that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to explore a renewable energy pilot project to reduce dependence on diesel fuel consumption in Marten Falls, a remote community located southeast of Ontario's Ring of Fire region.

The pilot project aims to install an innovative solar power generation system built on a self-support, surface mount foundation including battery storage, an energy management system and an electrical interface connection to the existing HORCI substation.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/marten-falls-first-nation-and-aecon-announce-strategic-partnership-to-explore-renewable-energy-solution-899028357.html>

NETWORK CLOSING GAP BETWEEN FIRST NATION BUSINESSES AND MINING

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More mining companies are seeking to do business with First Nation businesses to take care of supplying services. Waubetek Business Development Corporation in the Whitefish River First Nation is making it easier for those companies to find each other with the announcement of the Association of Indigenous Mining Suppliers, at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) on March 5. Waubetek general manager Dawn Madahbee Leach and mining project manager Stacey Vincent Cress said the association has been in the works for months to meet the growing demand for more partnerships.

It is a nationwide initiative with dozens of companies already listed in the association and it is seeking out more.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/northeastern-ontario/network-closing-gap-between-first-nation-businesses-and-mining-1331453>

OPINION: DOUG FORD'S REPEAL OF THE FAR NORTH ACT WON'T GAIN THE RESPECT OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

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Indigenous peoples should be able to exercise their inherent jurisdiction to make planning, permitting and approval decisions on their territories themselves, based on the authority that comes from knowing the land. A broad, regional

and strategic lens to the Ring of Fire, then, is the very least that is required: an Indigenous-led strategic planning process should be oriented toward generating lasting benefits for the communities and having an overall positive impact on sustainability. The Treaty 9 communities must be both drivers and beneficiaries of any process that will shape their lands, waters and economies for decades to come. In fact, what Mr. Ford will soon find out is that, in the decade since the Far North Act was conceived, Indigenous legal orders across the country have experienced a remarkable resurgence. In the void left by the repeal of the Far North Act, there is a thriving Indigenous legal order.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-doug-fords-repeal-of-the-far-north-act-wont-gain-the-respect-of/>