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BIG CHANGES TO ONTARIO CROWN LIABILITY

OKT Website – Apr 18

The proposed Crown Liability and Proceedings Act proposes to do the following, among other things:

- Extinguish any cause of action for any acts of a legislative nature
- Extinguish any cause of action for decisions of a regulatory nature (even if they are made negligently)
- Extinguish any cause of action for policy decisions, including program funding and termination, and the supervision, oversight and control of programs
- Expand the immunity of the Crown for actions in tort; and,
- Require plaintiffs to seek leave of the Court when alleging bad faith or misfeasance.

The proposal is very new and OKT has not yet conducted a full analysis of the effects that this might have on section 35 rights and other rights and interests of First Nations. However, we expect that it could have sweeping effects on Crown liability for institutional and regulatory failures with respect to First Nations, including in child protection and environmental regulation. If your First Nation or First Nation organization is concerned about these changes, please contact us for more information.

<https://www.oktlaw.com/big-changes-coming-to-ontario-crown-liability/>

ABM INDIGENOUS: ONTARIO NORTH, JUNE 10 – 12 AT THE VALHALLA INN

Netnews Ledger – April 18

Anishnawbe Business Professional Association (ABPA) and Advanced Business Match (ABM) will present the inaugural ABM Indigenous: Ontario North, June 10 – 12 at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. ABM Indigenous: Ontario North is a hyper-productive business matching forum that moves beyond traditional networking to provide strategic opportunities for relationship-building and deal-making. The event will first connect potential business partners online, then follow with 20-minute focused in-person meetings on the trade show floor. Participants begin by registering their business interest. ABM's sophisticated and customized platform allows participants to review applicants based on demonstrated capacity or expressed need and stated business development goals. Successful applicants will enter a curated business environment with pre-qualified leads who seek or have complementing skills, capacity, products and services.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/04/18/abm-indigenous-ontario-north-june-10-12-at-the-valhalla-inn/>

NORONT EXPLORATION UPDATE FOR MCFARLDS NO. 8 VMS DISCOVERY

Globe News Wire – Apr 23

Noront Resources Ltd. is pleased to provide an update on the 2019 Phase-1 exploration program at the company's 85% owned McFaulds volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) property in the Ring of Fire. The 2,059-metre copper-zinc focused program was completed in March. It was designed to test the down-dip continuity of the McFaulds No. 8 VMS deposit, which previously returned 26.4 metres of massive sulfide in hole MCF-18-98 grading 2.1% copper, 3.4% zinc, 5.5 grams per tonne silver and 0.5 grams per tonne gold.

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/04/23/1807871/0/en/Noront-Exploration-Update-for-McFaulds-No-8-VMS-Discovery.html>

NEARLY 400 FOOTBALL FIELDS WORTH OF LAND RECLAIMED BY THE END OF 2019 AT VICTOR MINE

De Beers Webseite – April 22

The \$15.4 million reclamation program begins with earthworks where the team will re-shape the mine rock stockpiles to smooth them and bring back the land's natural contouring, and cap the surface with overburden and muskeg in areas to be planted. The overburden contains the mineral soil and the muskeg provides organic matter and improves soil structure that the plants will need. During the spring and fall, 668,000 live stems, shrubs and plant plugs will be planted, many of which were grown on-site. In order to stabilize the soil while the shrubs and trees grow and spread, 177 kg of locally harvested seeds collected last year will be tilled in for native grass cover mimicking early ecosystem succession.

More than 210,000 plants will be propagated on site in the mine's specialized crop box - a modular vertical greenhouse facility inside a sea can – which was brought to site in 2016.

<http://canada.debeersgroup.com/news/2019/2019victorreclamationplans>

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT THE NEW MINING NORM: NORONT CEO

Northern Ontario Business – May 7

Coutts said Noront is also funding area First Nations to lead the environmental assessment process. Noront will provide the capital and technical support, but the First Nations will be responsible for hiring the engineering and environmental firms to do the work, incorporating their traditional knowledge into the permitting process. And Marten Falls First Nation, which, along with Webequie First Nation, are traditional users of the land there, has signed on to become a shareholder of Noront. Coutts said this type of active engagement should, and likely will, become the norm for any mine development from now on.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/consultation-and-engagement-the-new-mining-norm-noront-ceo-1432593>

GOLDEN SHARE ANNOUNCES THE SIGNING OF AN EXPLORATION AGREEMENT WITH MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

Newsfile – May 7

Golden Share Resources Corporation is pleased to announce the signing of an Exploration Agreement between Marten Falls First Nation ("Marten Falls") and Golden Share. This agreement reflects the mutual respect between the parties and allows for a process of communication and consultation surrounding the Company's exploration activities within the subject lands. Under the terms of the Agreement, Golden Share will be able to perform mineral exploration work including field prospecting, geochemical and geophysical surveys and diamond drilling. The agreement provides the Company with Community support while underlining the importance of responsible environmental stewardship and respect for the land. As the projects evolve, the Community will benefit from any job and training opportunities that emerge. The majority of the mining claims of the Company 100% owned Ogoki Project ("Ogoki") and Kagami Project ("Kagami") are located in Marten Falls' traditional territory. Ogoki is a diamond project and Kagami is a base metal project with massive sulphide exploration potential.

<https://www.newsfilecorp.com/release/44597/Golden-Share-Announces-the-Signing-of-an-Exploration-Agreement-with-Marten-Falls-First-Nation>

NORONT RESOURCES ANNOUNCES LOCATION OF FERROCHROME PROCESSING PLANT

Ontario Newsroom – May 7

Noront Resources announced today that Sault Ste. Marie will be the home for a new ferrochrome processing plant. Chromite, one of the resources found in the Ring of Fire, can be processed into ferrochrome, a key ingredient in stainless steel.

https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/05/noront-resources-announces-location-of-ferrochrome-processing-plant.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p