Located approximately 40 kilometres west of Sudbury in Denison Township, KGHM International Ltd. (KGHM) is currently engaged in advanced exploration and development activities on the property more commonly known as the Victoria Mine. If developed, the Victoria Mine will produce ore containing copper, nickel, gold, platinum and palladium. The project will be developed in two phases. The first phase, recognized as advanced exploration, will include the sinking of two shafts for KGHM to conduct some underground drilling to confirm and document the mineral resource. If the Victoria Mine proves to be economically viable, KGHM will then file a mine closure plan with the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines initiating the second phase of the mine’s development. This second phase will also include KGHM finishing the required infrastructure for the Victoria Project to enter into production. The Victoria Project is estimated to contain 10.3 million tonnes of minable ore with an expected mine life of 10 years. If the project obtains all regulatory approvals and is feasible, KGHM anticipates that the Victoria Mine will commence production sometime in 2022 and will employ some 200 people.
Memorandum of Understanding

On September 2, 2015, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with KGHM. It is important to note that in entering into an MOU with KGHM, the MNO is not in any way endorsing or supporting the Victoria Mine; rather, the MOU provides a way for the MNO to identify and assess the potential effects that the Victoria Mine may have on the Métis rights, interests and way of life. More specifically, the MOU permits the MNO to be effectively engaged on the Victoria Mine baseline studies, pending closure plan as well as any upcoming permitting requirements. The MOU provides capacity to the MNO to facilitate community meetings, meetings with KGHM, as well as the commissioning of a focused Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Study. The MOU also provides capacity to support the MNO’s Chartered Community Councils within the region, retain a qualified consultant to review KGHM’s regulatory submission pertaining to the Victoria Mine, develop communication materials and retain legal counsel. It is anticipated that based on the information that will be collected by way of this established MOU, the regional rights-bearing Métis community represented through the MNO Mattawa/Lake Nipissing Traditional Territory Consultation Committee will be able to work with KGHM in effectively addressing any potential effects that the Victoria Mine may have on your Métis rights, interests and way of life.

The MNO welcomes your comments

MNO citizens are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns about the Victoria Mine Project with the MNO. If you wish, please feel free to send an email message with your views about the Victoria Mine Project to the MNO’s Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch via StevenS@metisnation.org or contact your PCMNO Region 5 Councillor or MNO Community Council representative. Your comments are appreciated and will assist the MNO in understanding how the Victoria Mine Project in Ontario may impact Métis rights, interests and way of life.

About KGHM

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