

A Partnership in People & Power



Presentation by
Pierre Gratton, President & CEO

What is MABC?

- Mining Association of British Columbia represents major producers of coal, metals and industrial minerals and two smelters in BC.
- Committed to environmental protection
 - Recently adopted a new environmental policy
- The safest heavy industry in BC



MABC Environmental Policy

In conducting their activities, MABC members will strive to:

- Communicate these guiding principles and our collective commitment to respect and care for the environment to our members, communities of interest, indigenous peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.
- Ethically manage their activities to ensure compliance with applicable permits, laws and regulations. In the absence of specific regulations, members will adopt best management practices to reduce environmental impacts and to promote sustainable development initiatives.
- Undertake environmental assessments of, and consultation on mine and processing projects in an effective, efficient and transparent manner, thereby developing projects expeditiously while maintaining the public trust.
- Utilize environmental management systems that ensure identification of environmental impacts, effective implementation of mitigation, follow-up monitoring, emergency planning and response, auditing, reporting and continual improvement in all areas.
- Efficiently manage energy, resources and materials and prevent pollution of the air, land, or water by implementing scientifically-proven and economically-feasible technologies during all phases of the mining and processing cycles.
- Allocate appropriate resources to meet environmental obligations during all stages of the mine and processing life cycles, including: exploration, development, operation, mineral and coal processing, reclamation and closure.
- Support efforts to remediate and mitigate historical mining impacts using a science-based approach, undertaken in a cooperative manner with relevant regulatory agencies, communities of interest and indigenous peoples.
- Where practical and feasible, re-use and re-cycle their products and the materials used in the mining and processing process.
- Support scientific research to improve environmental performance at their operations and to enhance the use of their products.
- Continuously seek opportunities to improve environmental performance and regularly report progress to their fellow members, communities of interest, indigenous peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.





Towards Sustainable Mining

- An initiative of the Mining Association of Canada
- National Advisory Panel, 14 members, 6 of which are Aboriginal Peoples
- Standards for community engagement
- Mining and Aboriginal Peoples Policy Framework
- Condition of membership

TSM Aboriginal Peoples Framework

(draft)

- Respect Aboriginal and Treaty and Title rights and seek to understand local perspectives on those rights;
- Acknowledge and respect the social, economic, environmental and cultural interests of Aboriginal Peoples;
- Engage with Aboriginal Peoples, in accordance with the *TSM Guiding Principles*, to develop open and effective relationships throughout the mining lifecycle. This includes:
 - building cross-cultural understanding so that company personnel understand Aboriginal Peoples' culture, values and aspirations, and Aboriginal Peoples understand the company's principles, objectives, operations and practices;
 - undertaking early, timely and culturally appropriate engagement with Aboriginal Peoples, including within the environmental assessment process, to ensure their interests in a project and its potential impacts are understood;
 - consideration of traditional knowledge to minimize or mitigate potential adverse environmental and social impacts. and enhance positive benefits, of mining and related activities;
 - developing agreements for participation, where appropriate, either directly with local Aboriginal communities or in conjunction with governments;
 - working with governments and communities to support and encourage community development programs, which may include education, training, health, culture, employment and business development or other community needs and priorities, such as capacity building;
 - supporting and encouraging Aboriginal involvement in environmental monitoring, closure planning and reclamation and other environmental activities that may be of interest to them; and
- Develop and implement company policies and systems that support these commitments and encourage suppliers of goods and services to the industry to do the same.

Working Together

- Mining industry supported establishment of independent specific claims tribunal
- Together, we are pressing for speedy resolution of land claims
- We are both advocating for resource revenue sharing with First Nations
- Mining is the largest private sector employer of First Nation people in Canada
- We are as National Chief Phil Fontaine has said “natural
- Although we have different points of view, we can accomplish more by working together

State of the Industry

- B.C. is home to over 800 mining companies and is a global centre of mining and mineral exploration expertise
- Gross revenues of \$8+ billion in B.C., with over 100,000 employees (direct and indirect) in primarily rural areas
- One of the highest paying industries in B.C., now averaging over \$100,000 including benefits
- Currently, 10 coal, 10 metal, 36 industrial mineral mines and 2 metal smelters (Kitimat and Trail) safely operate in B.C.

The BC Mining Opportunity

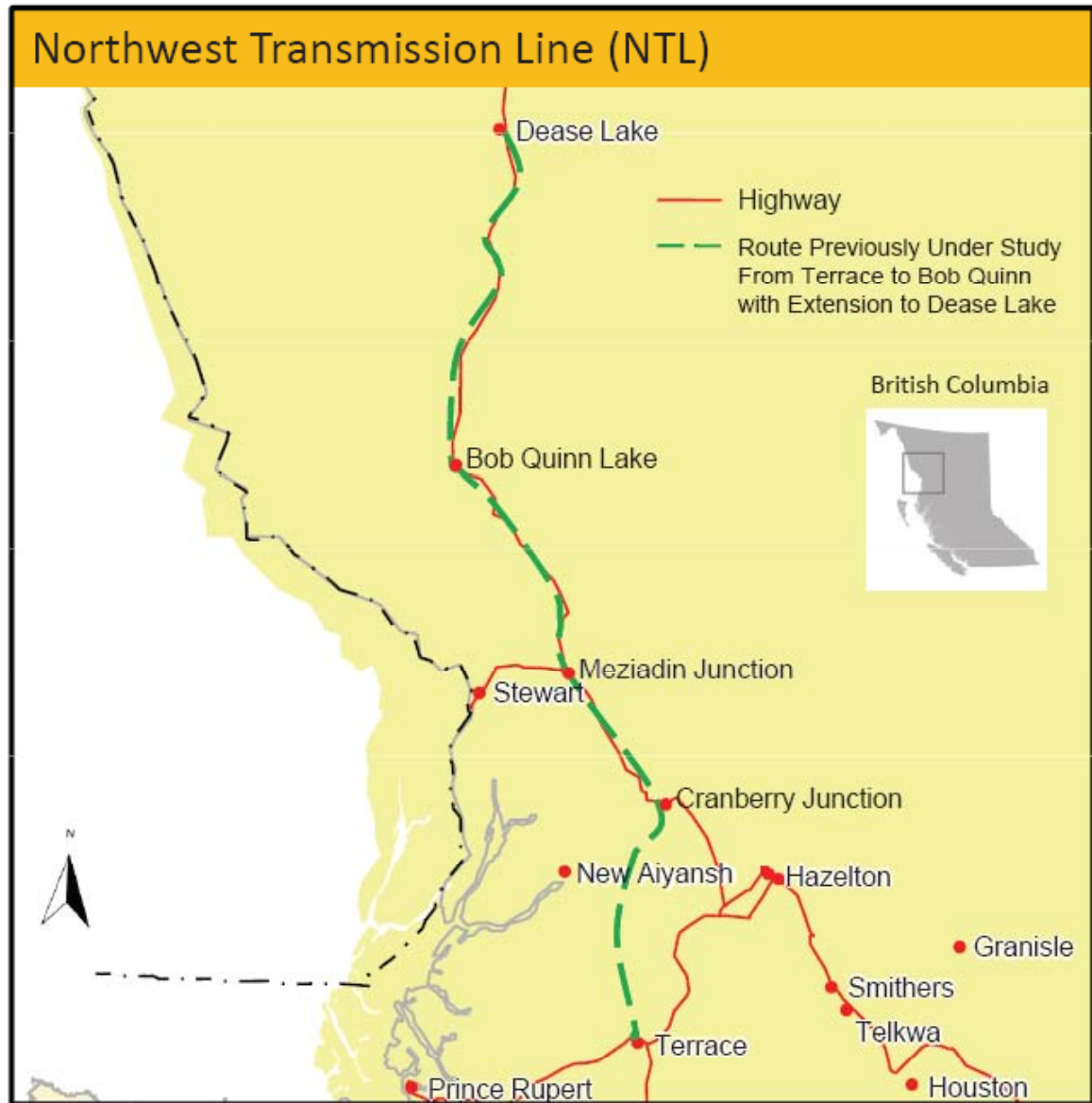
- Approximately 30 major new projects in “pipeline”
- Record exploration levels & high commodity prices
- Will need 15,000 employees
- Gateway to the Pacific – Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Stewart
- Counter the negative economic impacts of the pine beetle
- Opportunity for BC mining sector to emerge as the major, global player

Current Economic Downturn

- Long-term outlook for mining still positive
- Banks risk averse making it harder for small companies to raise money
 - May affect 2009 exploration season and delay or slow down some projects
- Most commodity prices still relatively healthy, despite some declines

The Project

POWER 37



Map by Northwest Powerline Coalition
Map for reference only. Scale 1:4,200,000

The Northwest Powerline Coalition

- Members
 - 11 Mining Companies of various sizes
 - Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC)
 - Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC)
 - Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDI Trust)
 - Mining Suppliers Association of BC (MSA BC)
 - Gitxsan Hereditary Chiefs
 - Tahltan Development Corporation
 - Tahltan-Tercon Limited
 - Nine other suppliers and companies
- Supporters
 - BC Chamber of Commerce
 - North Central Municipal Association (Northern Communities and Regional Districts)
 - BC Business Council
 - Independent power project companies
 - Individuals

Potential

- Mines now and in the future
- Independent power projects
 - Run of river
 - Wind
 - Geothermal
 - Solar
- A northwest power utility
- A power transmission company
- Access to inexpensive power for any other new businesses
- Clean, accessible power for communities and individuals

Recognizing Gitxsan

- Sovereignty and Title - DELGAMUUKW
- Respecting, Protecting the Environment
- Economic Development
- Opportunities for local people
- Building Gitxsan

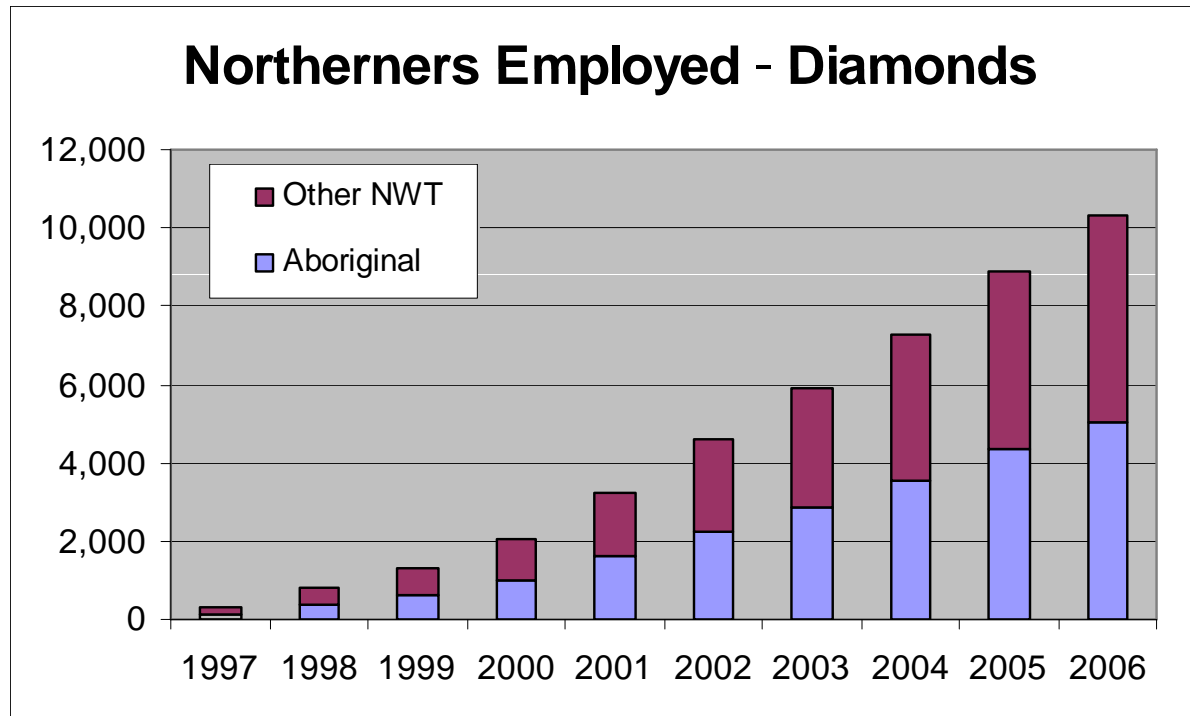


Working Together

- When the partnership is strong:
 - Gitxsan businesses can supply goods and services to the mine; businesses which grow and expand beyond the mine
 - Gitxsan will make up large proportion of employees at all levels (not only in entry-level jobs)
 - Gitxsan will participate in environmental monitoring and stewardship
 - Mining can provide Gitxsan new sources of income for their communities

Working Together

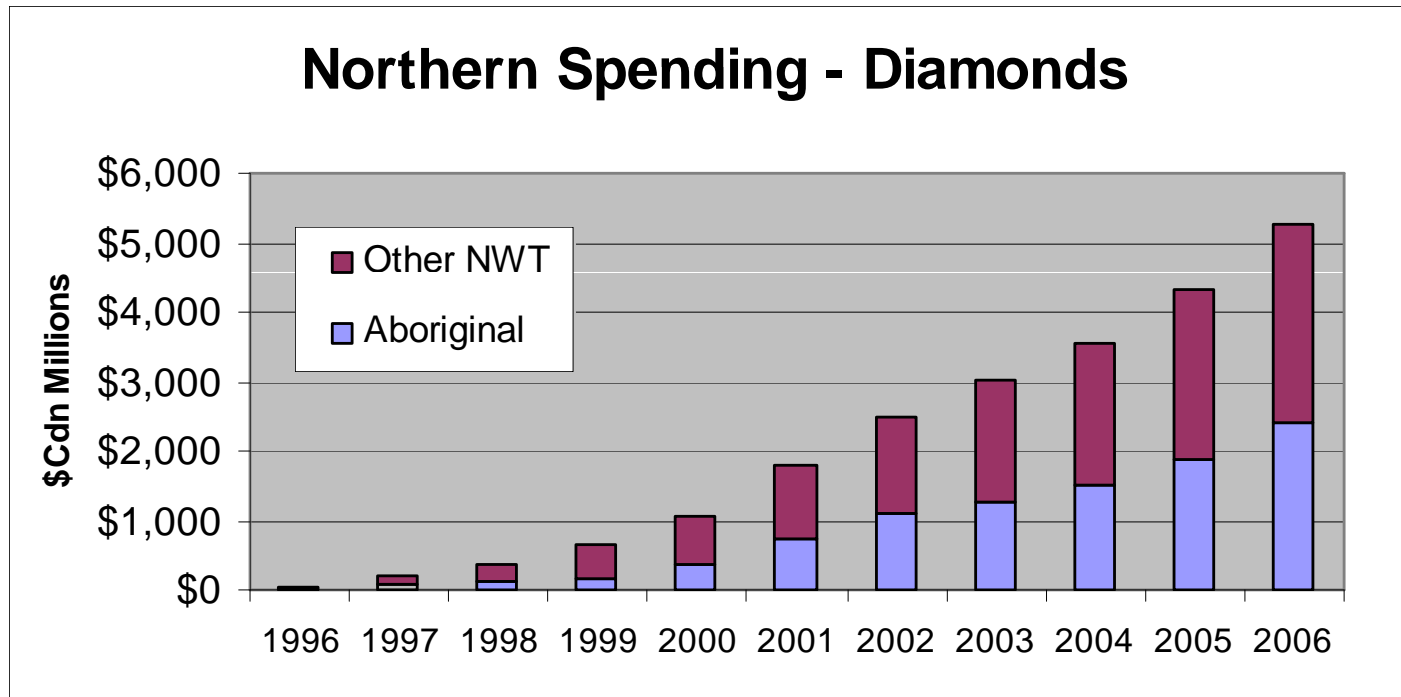
Employment – Diamond Mines



➤ NWT diamond mines have provided more than 10,500 person-years of employment to Aboriginal and northern communities

Working Together

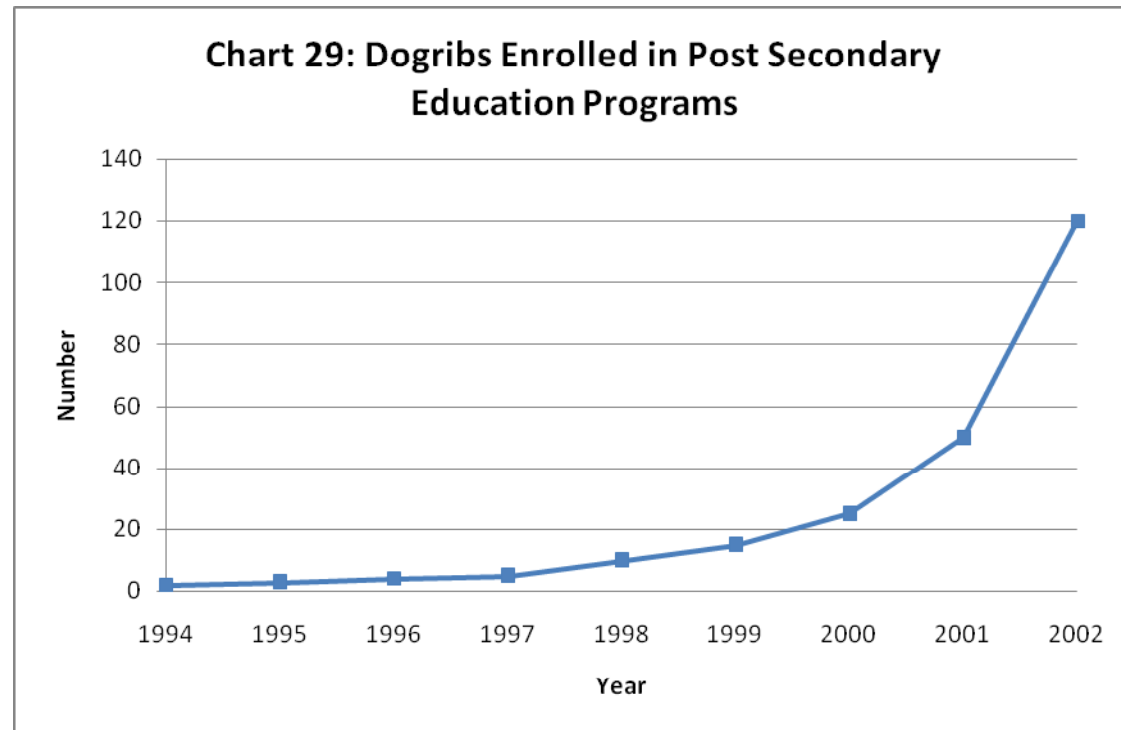
Northern Business Expenditures



- Expenditures by NWT Diamond mines on Aboriginal and northern businesses has totaled more than \$5 billion since 1996.

Working Together

Post-Secondary Enrollment



**Table 29: Dogribs Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education Programs
(Number)**

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
2	3	4	5	10	15	25	50	120

Thank You

- For joining the Highway 37 Coalition
- For inviting me to speak to you
- For the work we will do together in the future
- And, most important, for the chance to meet you in person!