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## Mining Association of British Columbia Applauds Premier's Economic Plan

Vancouver – Mining Association President Pierre Gratton today applauded measures announced by Premier Gordon Campbell.

“In these times of economic uncertainty, the Mining Association of BC welcomes swift and decisive action by the British Columbia Premier to ensure our province remains prosperous and stable,” said Gratton.

The mining sector particularly supports the School Property Tax Rebate for Industry, cuts to personal income tax and the increase of commission to business for PST collection.

“These measures, combined with continued focus on essential infrastructure spending will assist our industry and all industries in the potential challenging days ahead,” added Gratton.

Further to the Premier's announcements, the Mining Association of British Columbia is committing to taking an active role in both the “New North” Economic Summit in Prince George and the two-day Economic Summit in Vancouver, both to be held in January. The MABC will offer the support and advice of one of British Columbia's largest and safest industries.

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