

Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI):

March 2006 – Letter to Prime Minister Harper seeking his support for the creation of a centre for excellence in mining innovation being created at Laurentian University.

Letter of May 28, 2009 to the federal minister responsible for FedNor, Tony Clement, to express frustration over the funding announcement for the University of Toronto's mining innovation research centre. Asked Clement to correct the decision and provide CEMI with funding equivalent to what the province has provided and what has been requested for a number of years.

Letter of August 28, 2009 to the Minister of Industry and minister responsible for FedNor to thank him for his recent visit to the community and his funding announcement of \$7.7 million for CEMI, St. Joseph's Long Term Care Facility and the airport. The letter invited the minister to get in touch with the chamber should he ever require a business perspective on the region.

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Ms. Vicki Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2006, and your commitment to the mineral resources sector. I would like to congratulate the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce on its support for mining research.

As you may know, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) regularly cooperates with professors from Laurentian University in the development of new equipment, tools and technologies. Because the technological challenges that industry is faced with are complex and generally multi-disciplinary, my department frequently collaborates with experts from Sudbury such as those at Laurentian University, Norcat, Inco or Falconbridge, as well as with small and medium Canadian enterprises, as may be required to meet projects' objectives. Each of these partners has complementary strengths and assets that, put together, enable us to better serve the needs of the Canadian mining industry.

NRCan has a national research centre, CANMET-Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories (MMSL), with one of its laboratories located in Sudbury. CANMET-MMSL's mandate is to develop innovative technologies to increase productivity and to improve health, safety and the environment, in partnership with the private sector, academia and all levels of government. For example, the Deep Mining Research Consortium (DMRC) based in Sudbury was initiated by CANMET-MMSL in partnership with industry and other government agencies and departments. In addition, NRCan partners with CAMESE, the Canadian Association of Mining Equipment and Services for Export.

My department is currently planning a national network for mining research, to which the Mining Centre of Excellence will have access, providing greater opportunities for collaborative research. Whether it is in environmental or materials research or in developing new technologies, I trust that our partnership will continue. In doing so, Canadians will continue to benefit from our mineral wealth.

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If you would like to further discuss NRCan's involvement in mining R&D, I encourage you to discuss the details directly with Mr. Thomas P. Hynes, Director of the CANMET-MMSL, whom you can reach at (613) 995-4776 or by e-mail at thynes@nrcan.gc.ca.

Again thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Lunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke.

The Honourable Gary Lunn, P.C., M.P.

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Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of February 17 regarding a national centre for mining and minerals.

Please be assured that your concerns, offered on behalf of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, have been carefully reviewed. As copies of your letter have already been sent to those Ministers most closely connected to this issue, I am certain that they will give this matter every possible consideration.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Smith

Thank you for your letter calling for greater support for Canadian mining, mineral processing and metal producing industries that arrived in my absence from the office during the election campaign.

The NDP believe that too many Canadian industries are under concerted attack from other governments and current strategies are not defending Canadian interests. Indeed we must make every effort to ensure Canada remains a world leader in the mining and mining supply and services sector.

In light of your concerns, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to NDP Critic for Natural Resources, Catherine Bell, MP for Vancouver Island North for her consideration.

In this new Conservative government the NDP will present a positive alternative with progressive policies to make a real difference in the lives of all Canadians. Again, thanks for getting in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Jack Layton, MP (Toronto Danforth)
Leader - New Democratic Party of Canada

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Re: Support for education and research in the mining industry

This is in response to your letter of December 14, 2005, addressed to the former Prime Minister, a copy of which was forwarded to the former Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Andy Scott, regarding investment in research and education for the mining and mineral industry.

Be assured that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada recognizes the mining industry's contribution to the northern Ontario economy. However, responsibility for research and education in the mining and mineral sector is outside the purview of the Department's mandate and economic development programs. I encourage you to contact Natural Resources Canada to determine if support is available for the development of a national centre for mining research and education. I have forwarded a copy of this correspondence for their review.

I would also encourage you to contact Industry Canada's Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor), a description of which is available on their website at strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/infednor-fednor.nsf/en/Home, and the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' Northern Ontario Heritage Fund at www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/Default_e.asp, to determine if either could provide financial support for this initiative.

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