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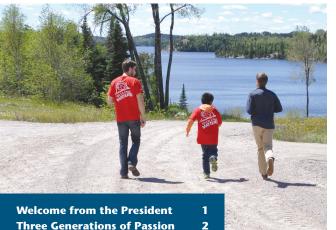
What an amazing 20-year journey **Mining Matters** has experienced. As President, I am in awe of the progress and development of our organization and the value we have brought to individuals and communities across Canada; evolution and growth that would not have been possible without the help of our many sponsors and donors. At **Mining Matters**, we are proud of our past and remain dedicated to sharing knowledge of Canadian mineral resources with people of all ages in the decades to come.

Mining Matters is a national charitable organization dedicated to bringing knowledge and awareness about Canada's geology and mineral resources to students, educators and the public. The organization provides relevant and current information about rocks, minerals, metals, mining and the diverse career opportunities available in the minerals industry.

This year was an exceptionally busy and successful year, with programs reaching record levels. More than 600,000 students, teachers and members of the public have benefited from **Mining Matters** programs over the last two decades.



Reclamation Activity, Chibougamau, QC, February 2014



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Lac Seul First Nation, ON, July 2014 Some 2013-2014 highlights:

- Twenty-seven *Mining Rocks* Earth Science Programs were delivered to more than 2,700 Aboriginal youth and community adults
- Educational workshops reached more than 20,000 students
- More than 1,000 educators were trained on **Mining Matters** curriculum resources
- Over 21,000 people participated in outreach programs designed to raise awareness of the role of minerals and mining in society across Canada

Looking ahead at the next decade, we recognize there will be challenges and change. Social media and technology will impact and enhance programming options. The cyclical nature of the mining industry will impact our sponsors and donors and in turn, their ability to fund our programs. Nevertheless; **Mining Matters** has many loyal industry, government and individual partners, who are equally passionate and committed to building upon existing education and training initiatives; ensuring the sustainability and future of our programs.

We hope you will enjoy reading about our many activities and the communities that have participated in **Mining Matters** programs over the past year. Supporting **Mining Matters** programming brings value to communities and young people across Canada.

We look forward to the upcoming year and continuing to share information about the wonders of Canada's geology and mineral resource endowment with more Canadians. *We all know that mining makes a difference to everyone.*

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Patricia Dillon
President and CEO
Mining Matters

BK Capital Corp.

Three Generations with a Passion for Earth Science Education

Recently **Mining Matters** had the opportunity to meet with Bill White, Chairman of IBK Capital Corp. ("IBK Capital" www.ibkcapital.com), his son

www.ibkcapital.com), his son
Michael White, President and
CEO and daughter Vivien Clubb,
Associate, who shared with us
their thoughts about the need
for Earth science education and
their personal involvement with
Mining Matters.

What follows is their discussion about the mining industry, corporate responsibility and insights about the future, all of which carried a strong and positive message for young people. It was evident there is a common passion for Earth science and philanthropy; obviously a family that works hard and works together.

Asked to describe the family's corporate and personal philosophy, it was very simple, serve other people and everything else will follow. IBK Capital invests in organizations and programs that promote healthy inclusive communities and organizations that create balance and team building skills in individuals. The corporate office is lined with photos of numerous organizations sponsored over the years.

IBK Capital has been a generous **Mining Matters** supporter since inception and for the past six years the Presenting Sponsor of our Teacher Day/Student Days at the annual PDAC Convention. Bill's interest in Earth science education goes back 50 years. When **Mining Matters** was founded in 1994, he was pleased to get involved. He agreed the mining industry must start with education if it is to succeed, and until **Mining Matters**, there had been a lack of recognition within the industry. With six grandchildren, the family recognizes the many opportunities that exist to spread the word; talking to teachers, visiting schools and inviting people to be involved and make learning fun, while inspiring for the future.

As a Board Member and advocate for **Mining Matters**, there is one clear message that Bill hopes people remember...as an industry, we must educate children about mining if we expect a social license to operate in the future. Society needs to understand, *that if it is not harvested, then it is mined*.

As a consistent visitor to Mining Matters

Teacher Day/Student Days at the PDAC Convention, Bill enjoys speaking with students and sharing his story about his career start in the mining industry. Bill knows how to engage an audience, responding to younger children eager to hear more about being in the bush, tenting and

rock collecting. The older, savvier students from the senior grades always want to know what the pay is and he is glad to share his personal story about taking a summer mining job in BC's bush to pay for university. His best paying summer job ever, with free room and board, funded his education and in the end not only did he discover a copper mine but also his interest and passion for the industry! "I personally learned about mining and that mining matters!"

Michael talks of his love of Earth science. He believes the idea of mining as a career should be introduced at an early age, just like banking, medicine and law. He would like to see emphasis placed on the economic value and contribution of the mining industry to world economies and career opportunities.

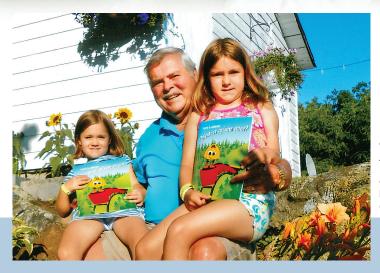
Asked if the next generation of his family will be in the mining industry, the reply was "Perhaps, but if not, it will not be from a lack of knowledge or exposure!"

Their parting thought: *mining plays a role in all our lives*. The world has a real need for mining and it holds many opportunities for people at all levels and ages if they choose to learn more about it.



Mining Matters and Bill White's grandchildren grow up together

William F. White, is Chairman and founder of IBK Capital Corp. with over forty years of experience in the investment industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. www.ibkcapital.com



Ed with his granddaughters Julia and Elizabeth enjoying the **Mining Matters** Colouring Book

A Conversation with Ed Thompson

MM: You are a tireless advocate for Mining Matters, reaching out to your colleagues and associates to spread the word about the importance of the programs. What drives you to work so hard on our behalf?

EGT: Many years ago when my kids were in school, I was concerned with what teachers were telling them about mining. As a consequence, I instituted a similar program, but on a smaller scale. When the PDAC established this **Mining Matters** program, I was already a convert.

MM: What is the one thing you want potential sponsors and donors to remember?

EGT: I want them to understand how important it is to educate the younger generation about mining and its importance and that **Mining Matters** is able to do that with their financial support. The mining industry needs a social license to operate so it is even more vital that people understand what the industry does and its contribution to their economic wellbeing.

MM: You suggested the idea of us updating the Placer Dome What is a Mine? colouring book, which has been very popular with teachers and school children. Why was a junior age educational resource so important to you?

EGT: Several years ago when I had five grandchildren under the age of seven, I thought a colouring book about mining would be a great way to introduce them to rocks and minerals and the Earth generally. I think I was right – they loved them and I think that most children do.

MM: If you had a crystal ball, what would you like to see in the future for **Mining Matters**?

EGT: I would like to see **Mining Matters** as a national initiative supported by all members of our resource industries. And possibly a **Mining Matters** for adults!

After many years of supporting **Mining Matters** through his dedicated fundraising efforts, Mr. Thompson joined the Board of Directors in December, 2011. He is a professional engineer and geologist with more than 50 years' experience in the mining industry. He is President of E.G. Thompson Mining Consultants Inc. and is a past President of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.



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"The program was good, I am more interested in rocks now, than I was when I walked in this morning".

Grade 11 male participant, Lac Seul First Nation, ON, Goldcorp Red Lake Program, July 2014

Ouje-Bougoumou, QC, February 2014



Red Lake, ON, panning for gold, July 2014

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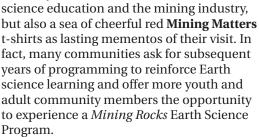
Aboriginal Education and Outreach Programs (AEOP) had another great year, sharing the wonders of Canada's geology and minerals industry with everyone they met. Demand for *Mining Rocks* Earth Science Programs continued to grow in 2014; expanding our reach nationally and bringing knowledge and awareness of rocks, minerals, metals, mining and the diverse career opportunities available in the minerals industry to many Aboriginal communities.

Mining Rocks Canada-Wide

This year, members of the AEOP delivered more programs than ever to a record 2,700 participants in 27 locations. In Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, Nunavut, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Aboriginal youth, teachers and community members were engaged in hands-on Earth science activities and field trips, providing the

opportunity to develop skills, competencies and knowledge while promoting awareness of careers.

While the AEOP team is not large, seven in all, the staff make a huge impact; leaving behind in communities not only an increased interest in Earth



Mining Matters works closely with community and corporate partners to customize local programming and create interest in future employment in the minerals resource sector. Often these programs expand exponentially, as a result of the strong commitment

demonstrated by both the corporate sponsor and Aboriginal communities and their common desire to bring fun, engaging and informative Earth science education to the local population.

In fact, at the De Beers Canada Programs in December, we reached 578 participants in three communities near the Victor Mine. Later, an unprecedented number of 770 was recorded with Vale, in Labrador, Ontario and Manitoba, in communities near the Voisey's Bay, Sudbury and Thompson operations. **Mining Matters** also completed the second year of the Ring of Fire commitment, supporting 11 First Nation communities.

Our *Mining Rocks* Earth Science Programs and professional development for teachers, tailored to meet individual needs, are warmly welcomed into Aboriginal communities and our 2015 program calendar is filling rapidly. Aboriginal Education and Outreach Programs thank the many sponsors and partners for continuing to support our program growth and educational outreach; we look forward to 2015 and beyond!





Egizio Bianchini, Vice-Chair and Global Co-Head of the Global Metals & Mining, BMO



Christopher Lake, SK, August 2014

Behind the Scenes at Mining Matters

Mining Matters delivers hundreds of school programs, teacher workshops and activities at public events every year to thousands of participants in communities across Canada. Meticulous planning, preparation and hard

work behind the scenes ensure that each one is a resounding success.

Selecting top talent for our team is key to our success. New hires are put through a rigorous process, in which a candidate must deliver an engaging and educational Earth science related activity of their own design; plus undergo significant pre-field training including First Aid and CPR certification and Aboriginal cultural sensitivity training.

Educational resources don't just appear on our desks magically, ideas for program enhancements and the development of new activities, publications and innovative teacher materials are always on our minds!

When delivering programs in remote communities arrangements for travel, food and lodging are often complicated and must be considered for each program. The resource bins and members of the team may travel by bus, truck, plane, float plane, power boat and even canoe, as necessary, to reach communities across Canada including remote Aboriginal communities. The need for other supplies, like dry food goods and fresh food, are also considered and organized prior to departure.



Packing bins for the next program

The definition of "accommodation" to **Mining Matters** staff may mean staying in private homes, motels, bunkhouses or tents. Being prepared with sleeping bags helps bolster available accommodation. A recent *Mining Rocks* program coincided with a meeting of the Matawa Chiefs at the Marten Falls First Nation. This small, fly-in community successfully hosted over 100 visitors, including Premier Kathleen Wynne, during an extraordinary week of meetings and activities, which provided our team the opportunity to experience rich cultural activities, including sacred traditional drumming, singing, dancing and cooking.



Completing each program involves repacking and shipping materials, travelling, inventory updating, analyzing participant feedback and final reporting. No two programs, communities or circumstances are exactly the same, so creative preparation, patience, flexibility and joy in dealing with people are paramount.

The outcome is well worth the effort.

Heading home from Marten Falls First Nation, ON, August 2014



For the past seven years, hockey enthusiasts have looked forward to a fun and competitive game of hockey at the Caracle Cup Hockey Tournament, held during the PDAC International Convention.

This year was no exception, with 16 teams and 96 participants coming together at the Buckingham Arena at Downsview Park, March 1st for the 2014 Caracle Cup Hockey Tournament, in support of **Mining Matters**. Players enjoyed many enhancements at this year's tournament; an improved round-robin format, more ice time guaranteed and improved facilities at a brand new arena.

After the first puck dropped at 7:00 am, teams played long and hard to make it to the playoff round and be named the 2014 Caracle Cup Champion.

Congratulations to the Kerr Mines Mantle Kings, our 2014 "Best of the Best", now part of the coveted circle of Caracle Cup Champions.

The competitive spirit, fun and camaraderie were obvious throughout the day and special recognition goes to our

Caracle Cup MVP, Paul Highgate, from the Kerr Mines Mantle Kings.

The Caracle Cup is a signature fundraising event for **Mining Matters**, bringing together members of the minerals industry in support of our goal to educate students, teachers and the public about Earth science and the importance of mineral resources. Thanks to the generosity of many sponsors, donors, individuals and the hard work of volunteers and



2014 Caracle Cup champions, the Kerr Mines Mantle Kings

organizers, the day was a resounding success, raising \$19,000 for educational programs. We thank our founding sponsor Caracle Creek International Consulting Inc. for their vision seven years ago and strong support since 2007.

Team sponsorship opportunities are limited, so book your team entry now for the eighth annual Caracle Cup Hockey Tournament on **February 28, 2015**. Contact hockey@miningmatters.ca for more information.

Teeing Off for Earth Science Education

Mining Matters
eighth annual
Diamond in the
Rough Golf Classic
took place, June
5th at Woodington
Lake Golf Club
in Tottenham,
Ontario. The
tournament is



Team Thundermin - 2014 winners

an important event for **Mining Matters**, successfully raising \$19,500 in funds to support innovative educational programming for students, teachers and the public about Earth science, mining and the importance of mineral resources.

The day was cool but the sun shone brightly on 130 enthusiastic golfers who enjoyed the rolling greens and numerous fun activities en route. **Mining Matters** delicious food sampling stations at the Hawaiian, Mexican, Jamaican Jerk and the Shrimp and Caesar holes were a hit with all.

Spirited rivalry ensued across the foursomes, with the winning team from Thundermin, scoring an impressive 12 under par, to take home the prize for best foursome for the second consecutive year!

While golf scores varied. the success of the day was undisputed with a reception, dinner and the golf awards finishing the day on a high note. Special thanks to our Diamond Sponsor, IBK Capital Corp., our Dinner Sponsor.



Goldcorp and PDAC for their support in making this day a great success.

Thanks to all who participated. We look forward to seeing you back next year. Mark your calendar, to join us **June 4, 2015** for the ninth annual Diamond in the Rough Golf Classic.

Having a great day for a great cause and supporting the future of the minerals industry is a hole-in-one!

For more information or to register, contact info@miningmatters.ca.

Ride for Something Meaningful

This year marked our third annual Rock Cycle Ride for Minerals Education, held on June 5th. The beautiful rolling countryside around Tottenham, Ontario provided a picturesque backdrop for our cycling enthusiasts' challenging 80 km route.

The Rock Cycle Ride, held in conjunction with our Diamond in the Rough Golf Classic raises funds in support of **Mining Matters** goal of



Our enthusiastic Rock Cycle riders

bringing knowledge and awareness about Canada's geology and mineral resources to students, educators and the public.

At end of day, both golfers and cyclists reconvened at the reception and awards dinner to catch up with colleagues and share stories. Special thanks to our Diamond Sponsor, IBK Capital

Corp., our Dinner Sponsor, Goldcorp, our Water Bottle Sponsor, Brent Cochrane Consulting and PDAC for their support in making this day a great success.

Thanks to all who participated, we look forward to seeing you back next year. Also your help in increasing participation by reaching out to your colleagues would be appreciated.

Mark your calendar and join us **June 4, 2015** for the fourth annual Rock Cycle Ride for Minerals Education. For more information or to register, contact info@miningmatters.ca.

Tetra Tech 5th Annual Mineral Specimen Auction

One of the most popular events to take place during the PDAC International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange is the Tetra Tech Mineral Specimen Auction. Now in its fifth year, the event raises funds for **Mining Matters** while providing an entertaining evening for those attending.

Tetra Tech's Brent Thompson welcomed over 200 guests to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto where they had the chance to bid on twenty-one spectacular samples from across the globe, donated by Tetra Tech's clients. Some specimens came from far away locations, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Aurangabad, India. Collecting all these samples was a logistical challenge for the Tetra Tech staff, but once again their hard work and enthusiasm paid off. Over \$17,000 was raised for **Mining Matters**.

We would like to sincerely thank the eighteen companies that donated the mineral specimens and also the winning bidders that successfully added beautiful and unique pieces to their collections.

The Mineral Specimen Auction has raised over \$100,000 for **Mining Matters** over the past five years. Thank you Tetra Tech for your ongoing support, we truly appreciate it!

Mining Companies Head-to-Head for KPMG's Soccer Cup

At KPMG, doing something that matters is an essential part of the job and on June 13th, participants got together at Soccerworld – Polson Pier for the sixth annual KPMG Soccer Cup, in support of **Mining Matters** and Earth science education.

KPMG's Annual Mining Industry Soccer Tournament was established in 2009 and each year brings together more than 100 mining industry professionals with KPMG colleagues to battle it out on the pitch. After a morning of spirited matches among 10 top mining companies, Centerra Gold defeated the three-time defending champions, Kinross Gold, to win the 2014 trophy. John Heslop, Chair of the **Mining Matters** Board of Directors, was on hand to personally congratulate the winners and present the coveted KPMG Soccer Cup.

Mining Matters thanks Lee Hodgkinson, Partner and National Industry Leader, Mining and KPMG for their commitment to making communities stronger. The event raised a generous \$15,000 in support of **Mining Matters** mandate to broaden students' understanding of the vital role rocks, minerals, metals and mining play in everyday life. Thank you KPMG!



Centerra Gold - 2014 Champions

Mining Matters Far and Wide



Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada

"The Mining Matters Science Program is in line with the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development mandate. The delivery of Mining Rocks Earth and Science Programs to youth and community members in First Nation Communities and non-Aboriginal communities is important and key to their success."

Renée Cadieux, Program Officer Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada



"Agnico Eagle was extremely pleased to partner with Mining Matters in communities across the Kivalliq region of Nunavut this year. Mining Matters is an excellent initiative that not only helps students discover future career options, but also provides the necessary information and

education they need to be able to take advantage of the many opportunities the industry has to offer. We continue to be proud supporters and look forward to one day welcoming some of these same young people who got their first look at mining through Mining Matters as our employees!"

Krystel Maynard, Human Resources Superintendent Agnico Eagle Mines Limited



"The De Beers Group's Canadian operations offer a diverse range of career and training opportunities. Our support for Mining Matters program is one way De Beers can plant a seed of potential to

help youth in the James Bay area discover what opportunities exist in the mining industry."

Shannin Metatawabin, Manager of Aboriginal Affairs and Sustainability for Victor Mine De Beers Group of Companies





"If it's not harvested, it's mined. Agriculture and mining are the world's most important industries. Most kids grow up learning about the farm but not mining. The mining industry and the importance of mining are rarely discussed. There is a need to better educate youth of the mining industry and all it has to offer. IBK Capital has been a Mining Matters supporter since inception and the main sponsor at the PDAC for the past six years. Mining matters to all of us!"

Michael White, President and CEO IBK Capital Corp.

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"Goldcorp is a proud sponsor of the Mining Matters program aimed at teaching Aboriginal youth about geology, the mining industry and

potential future employment choices. These types of programs are tremendously important in building strong sustainable partnerships which foster future employees, leaders and awareness of our operations. The participants showed such enthusiasm and passion, it was truly inspiring!"

Terry Bursey, Aboriginal & Community Affairs Coordinator, Goldcorp Red Lake Gold Mines, Goldcorp Canada Ltd.



"Mining Matters brings geology into the classroom and introduces students to the importance of minerals at an early age. On a

with my own children, the interest and curiosity students have with nature, rocks and minerals. I believe programs like Mining Matters are critical to building Canada's next generation of geoscientists."

Rod Thomas, President, PDAC



"Vale is thrilled to continue its partnership with Mining Matters – whose programs help educate and inspire young Canadians about

the extraordinary natural resources our land holds. The Mining Matters program is a natural fit as we strive to continually connect with the communities we are a part of on the importance of mining in our everyday life."

Erin Satterthwaite, Director, Communications & Community **Investment Corporate Affairs, Vale**

Mining Matters Coast-to-Coast

- **Aboriginal Education and Outreach Programs**
- **Teacher Training and School Programs**
- **Outreach Programs**

"I believe that the Mining Matters program to educate both teachers and their students about Earth sciences and how we find and extract the minerals that are necessary in everyday life, providing Canada with its high standard of living by creating new wealth for the country, has been and is, key to the program's success...the main reason that I wholeheartedly support the program. The entire team is doing a good job!"

Howard Stockford, a past President of CIM

New, the Rocks of Ontario Guide

Mining Matters is collaborating with the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to create non-technical, user-friendly resources to generate excitement and curiosity about the land beneath our feet from an Ontario perspective. *The Rocks of Ontario Guide* is complete and a *Fossils of Ontario Guide* is underway! Both guides are designed for an audience from 6 to 86 years utilizing bright colours, consistent with geological map standards and vivid images.

The guides evolved from initial concept to a concrete layout, through a rigorous process of design and review, between the **Mining Matters** team, Andy Fyon, Director at the Ontario Geological Survey, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Suzanne Halet, Senior Aboriginal Liaison.

The *Rocks of Ontario Guide* features rocks commonly found in Ontario and illustrates the processes that shaped them. Each rock has an image, is colour coded to its

type (igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic) and has a short description to aid in its identification in the field. The formation processes are correlated to a geological time scale showing several major events that shaped the world and in particular Ontario. In addition to representing the processes and rocks, the guide identifies fossils and glacial features often seen in Ontario.

The Fossils of Ontario Guide, nearing completion, depicts fossils commonly found in Ontario, paying specific attention to those found in

the James Bay Lowlands. While still a work in progress, this guide is being designed by **Mining Matters**, the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Royal Ontario Museum to capture the reader's interest through impactful images, fascinating facts and making the connection between extinct animals and their modern relatives.

Check out the *Rocks of Ontario Guide* on our website, http://www.pdac.ca/mining-matters/resources/education and watch for the *Fossils of Ontario Guide* coming soon!

WHERE Challenge ...

The **Mining Matters** WHERE Challenge is a national contest, for students, ages 9 to 14 that promotes awareness of non-renewable Earth resources. WHERE stands for **W**ater, **H**azards, Energy, **R**esources and **E**nvironment, the fields in which geoscientists work.

The contest asks "What on Earth is in your stuff?" and "Where on Earth does it come from?" igniting curiosity about the origins of everyday items. It encourages youth to see their world in new ways while exploring the mining, energy and environmental sectors for possible career opportunities.

Launched each September, the WHERE Challenge accepts entries, in French and English, online until March. Creativity is encouraged. WHERE entries may be submitted in song, essay, video, poem or poster format. Judges select regional and national winners and award cash prizes!



Reaching Out to Québec's Anglophone Audience

Mining Matters collaborated with the Québec Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources on two educational posters designed for an Anglophone audience. Entitled Simplified Geology of Québec and Metals and Minerals in our Daily Lives, these posters will engage educators and students, raising their awareness about rocks and minerals in our everyday life and providing them with English language Earth science resources to support curriculum expectations.

Why not get involved?

Last year, 531 students were involved in the WHERE Challenge resulting in 11 regional winners, of which six won national prizes. In fact, in some families, winning the WHERE Challenge is a tradition among siblings!

Make it happen!

Encourage students and teachers to participate. Teachers will find that in addition to science and geography; language, art, technology and media can be integrated to create an amazing project.

Volunteer to be a contest judge. Just a few hours of your time can encourage young people to consider WHERE on Earth the rocks, metals and minerals in their everyday items come from. If you have a degree in geosciences, education, environmental studies, resource management or work in a similar field, please contact us.

For more information about the contest and to view some of the winning entries, visit the website at http://www.earthsciencescanada.com/where/.



Field Trip Subsidy Program in Demand

There's nothing like experiencing something first hand to give it meaning and field trips in support of **Mining Matters** programming are a perfect example of that! The trips bring to life classroom material with real rocks, minerals and on location experience allowing students to personally connect with Earth science in their communities.

Tight school budgets make it difficult for teachers to add field trips to their students' learning experience, but **Mining Matters** can make it happen, by offering field trip subsidies of up to \$500, to those teachers using our resource kits to enrich Earth science learning. This past year was a record year for the program. Twelve subsidies were awarded, enabling more than 500 participants to travel to mining, aggregate (stone, sand and gravel) and geoscience operations. Grant recipients were enthusiastic about their experiences.

A challenge that comes with teaching science is connecting the content to everyday life and possible career opportunities. Rob Millard of Notre Dame Catholic High School in Carleton Place, Ontario took his grades 9 and 10 students to OMYA Mine, Canada's Calcium Carbonate Processing Plant outside of Perth, Ontario. There, his students were surprised by the number of products that they use and had with them on the tour that contained calcium carbonate.

In the Yukon, Kristin Innes-Taylor's Grade 5 class visited Whitehorse Copper Belt, where they examined former copper mines, rock formations and collected specimens.



She says, "Students were captivated and expanded their knowledge base to the geology unit I had just taught. They now have a better understanding of why we have mining and how important it is to our daily lives."

Robert Barter of Kanata, Ontario, and his Grade 11 physical geography class headed to the Bonnechere Caves, where a guided tour, fossil hunting and spelunking set the agenda for the day. He says, "The students came back with a better understanding of their local geology. Several have already told me that they are considering studying Earth science when they finish high school."

Industry support for **Mining Matters** makes these valuable experiences possible.

For more information view *groundWORK*, our Educator newsletter, at www.miningmatters.ca.

Mining Matters en français

April 2014, **Mining Matters** hired French Program Coordinator, Julie Lépine, to open a satellite office in downtown Montréal and support Earth science educators nationwide; marking a milestone for our French education programs.

Julie's mandate is to build lasting education partnerships to support students, teachers and the public with information and hands-on resources related to the Canadian mining industry. She will facilitate Earth science workshops in French and support educators with French classroom resources.



In the future, our connections with French school boards and educators will increase. By expanding our resources and programs available in French, **Mining Matters** is ensuring that every student in Canada, studying in English or French, can access updated and relevant information about geology, the Canadian mining industry and its numerous career possibilities. *Ça ne fait que commencer!*

The Mining Matters Team has a BLAST

An important part of our summer work at **Mining Matters** is producing teacher resource kits, which include Canadian rock and mineral samples. However, those samples don't simply appear on our desks, ready to be sent to teachers and students across Canada. Energetic staff travel into the field to collect the necessary specimens.



Rock collecting at Carmeuse Lime & Stone, Ingersoll, ON, July 2014 $\,$

Our first 2014 trip took us to Coe Hill to gather quartz and mica. John Wotton granted us access to his now-closed property and showcased his amazing collection, generously donating several samples for display at the **Mining Matters** office. Next, in Tweed, we visited Pamela Sangster and Peter LeBaron at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and gladly accepted gabbro and marble samples, as well as their warm hospitality.

The team had the privilege to experience three guided tours of facilities prior to sample collection. The first, at Hanson Brick's Burlington location, was an eye opener. Patrick Kelly, P.Eng and Director Quality Systems at Hanson Brick, openly shared his knowledge of shale extraction and introduced us to the brick production process. Shale samples in the kits help students realize the significance of this rock in the construction of their own homes and schools.

The second tour, at the Carmeuse Lime & Stone quarry in Ingersoll introduced us to Regional Environmental Manager Christopher Martin and Production Supervisor Dean Desbois. They shared their passion for their occupations and the importance of rigid safety practices. Our tour was especially memorable as it included witnessing a blast. That experience will allow our staff to share with teachers, first-hand knowledge of the origin of some everyday products, from a quarry rock face to a sample-size rock ready for production.

Lastly, our tour at Dufferin Aggregates' Acton Quarry with Robert McDougall was equally exceptional. The collection of dolomite

samples turned into a quest for fossils, ensuring our teacher resource kits will continue to be equipped with high quality specimens for student exploration. In addition, the site's rehabilitation efforts complement the adjacent landscape, providing yet another example of successful environmental initiatives that we can share with educators.

Mining Matters thanks the many individuals and companies for their time and generosity, which ensured the success of our 2014 sample collection program. Their willingness to share their knowledge was invaluable to our team's learning experience.

Making Connections Through Outreach

Each year, **Mining Matters** staff travel to numerous events to share their passion for Earth science through personal contact with thousands of students, teachers and members of the public.

On March 5, Patricia Dillon, President and CEO, along with the Board of Directors and staff of **Mining Matters**, joined Orlee Wertheim, Head of Business



Mining Matters closes the TSX, March 2014

Development,
Global Mining,
Toronto Stock
Exchange, to close
the TSX market. This
occasion celebrated
Mining Matters 20th
anniversary and
officially marked the
ending of the 2014
PDAC Convention.

At Québec Mines Discovery, the youth and public component of Québec Mines, over 2,200 students participated in the Mining

for Society (M4S) Exhibition. Students engaged in six Earth science activities: *Mystery Minerals, Sand Castle Mining, Before and After (Reclamation), What's in*

a Bicycle, Product Matching and the ever popular Cookie Mining activity. In May, at CIM M4S in Vancouver, approximately 3,000 students explored seven activities highlighting the characteristics of rocks and minerals, processing methods, mining in everyday life and careers in the minerals industry.

For the last three years, **Mining Matters**, partnering with Minalliance, has delivered



CAT Simulator at M4S Vancouver, May 2014

hands-on activities at *Festival Eurêka!*, a three-day celebration of science in Montréal designed to ignite curiosity about Earth science. **Mining Matters** activities including *On Your Mark, Get Set, Explore!* and *Your Future: A Field of Possibilities* were made available to the more than 100,000 visitors in attendance.

Mining Matters joined in the fun at Ottawa's Science Fun Fest, celebrating National Science and Technology Week, October 18th to 27th. The event welcomed approximately 4,000 people to presentations and hands-on activities showcasing science. The team also attended the Waterloo and Ancaster Gem and Mineral Shows, promoting Earth science to over 500 people, including 200 students.

At **Mining Matters**, we never tire of seeing people connecting the dots, making the link between items in their daily lives and the products of the mining and minerals industry. **Mining makes a difference to all of us!**

New Staff Join Mining Matters

Julie Lépine recently joined Mining Matters as the Coordinator, French Programs based in Montréal. Her mandate is to build lasting partnerships within the Francophone education and industry sectors across Canada, with special attention to the Province of Québec.

Julie completed her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Geography with an Environmental specialization at the Université de Montréal. During her final year, she received NSERC's Undergraduate Student Research Award in Geomatics, while pursuing an Honors Program on local governance environmental initiatives.

Julie looks forward to sharing her love for Earth science and bringing Earth science education to more Francophone communities.



Kelly McBride is the new Teacher Training and School Programs
Assistant at Mining Matters. She has worked part time at Mining Matters for the last four years and is excited to be joining the team full-time. Kelly is an Ontario Certified Teacher with primary education specialization who believes in Earth science education. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Waterloo and received her Bachelor of Education from York University.

As School Programs Assistant, Kelly supports **Mining Matters** initiatives to promote Earth science education through teacher workshops, the WHERE Challenge, public outreach and special activities and events. Kelly looks forward to bringing Earth science literacy to students, teachers and the public.

Mining Matters welcomes Julie and Kelly to the team!

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Our mandate at **Mining Matters** is to broaden students' understanding of Earth science and the vital role rocks, minerals, metals and mining play in everyday life and increase awareness of the many career opportunities in the minerals industry.

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