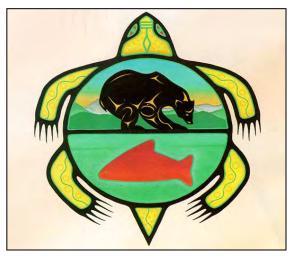
# Northwestern Ontario First Nations Environmental Conference

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## **MUSSELWHITE MINE**





#### <u>History</u>

1962 Gold discovered Musselwhite Brothers

1973–89 Extensive exploration of property

1997 Start of Gold Production

2010 3Q - 3 millionth ounce of gold poured

#### **Key Facts**

Fly-in-fly-out operation

3 M oz Reserves & Resources 1996 Musselwhite Agreement

Life of Mine ~2029

Employees 557
Contractors 229
Aboriginal Employment 20 %
Agreement FN Employment 11 %

# Sustainability Department

## Manager Aboriginal Affairs

- Senior Environmental Coordinator
- Environmental Technologist
- Environmental Technician
- Environmental Summer Student

## Consultants

- Aquatic specialists biologist
- Hydro geologist, hydrologist
- · Civil engineers tailing dam design & construction
- Air and noise modeling specialists
- Analytical testing facilities

# Musselwhite Mine Ownership

- ▶ 1992 Placer Dome , TVX Gold Inc., International Corona Corp.
- 2001 Placer Dome, TVX Gold Inc., Normandy Americas Inc.
- 2006 Goldcorp Canada Ltd., Kinross Gold Corporation
- 2007 Goldcorp Canada Ltd., Goldcorp Inc.

# MUSSELWHITE AGREEMENT HISTORY

- Original Agreement Signed 1992
  - Provided Access
  - Environmental Protection requirement
  - Training and Employment Opportunities
  - Trappers Compensation Agreement
  - General Compensation Agreement
  - Social, Cultural Community Support
  - Economic and Business Development
  - Mill throughput limited to 2,000 t / d
  - Federal & Provincial Governments signed

# Musselwhite Agreement History – 2

- Original Agreement Amended 1996
  - Provided Access
  - Environmental Protection requirement
  - 25% Employment Target
  - Trappers Compensation
  - Social, Cultural and Community Support
  - Economic and Business Development Opportunities
  - Mill throughput limited to 3,500 t/d

Federal and Provincial Governments are parties to the Agreement

# Musselwhite Agreement 2006



North Caribou Lake



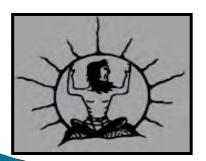
Wunnumin Lake



Cat Lake



Kingfisher Lake





Windigo First Nation Council

# Musselwhite Agreement History – 3

- Agreement renewed November 2001
- Parties to Agreement
   First Nation Communities
  - - Cat Lake First Nation
    - North Caribou First Nation
    - Kingfisher Lake First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation
  - First Nation Councils

    - Windigo First Nations CouncilShibogama First Nations Council
  - Musselwhite Mine
  - Federal and Provincial governments no longer parties to Agreement

# Musselwhite Agreement History – 4

## General Provision

- Removed Throughput Limitation
- Similar Access Arrangements
- Increase Employment Target to 30%
- Introduced specific Funding arrangement
- Introduced Engagement Committee Structures
  - Implementation Committee
  - Musselwhite Working Committee
  - Environmental Working Committee



# PRINCIPLES SKILLS USED TO SUCCEED

- Respect
- Truth/Honest
- Trust
- Listening
- Patience
- Humility



# **STRENGTHS**

 Relationship building focused on transparency, trust and honesty





# **Environmental Working Committee Structure**

#### Members

- Manager of Sustainability, Environmental Department staff member
- 2 Representatives from each signatory, ensuring there is continuity of representation

## Resource People:

- First Nation Elder: one elder per meeting as chosen on a rotating basis by the First Nations
- Shibogama and Windigo environmental monitoring program directors
- Signatories may bring technical support people on as needed basis

# **Environmental Working Committee Structure**

#### Mandate

- Act as an on-site committee
- Ensure the environmental provisions of Agreement are observed
- Attempt to resolve differences, or other difficulties that may arise as a result of applying the terms and principles with the Agreement
- Follow the dispute resolution process in the Agreement if necessary
- Meet a minimum of 6 times a year or more often as determined by the committee
- Establish and operator according to its Terms of Reference

#### Quorum

 Representation from North Caribou, minimum one Shibogama Community, and one First Nation Council representative

# RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **FIRST NATIONS**

- Review data and ask for clarification if needed
- Provide updates to leadership and community members
- Actively participate in EWC meetings

#### **COMPANY**

- Operate as per all permits
- While releasing effluent, sample and report to communities
- Provide copies of all regulatory reports to First Nations' Consultant
- Report spills over trigger amount to community representatives
- Look for Best Practices to improve performance where economically practical

# **EWC Successes**

## First Nations

- Raise the awareness of participants for environmental challenges related to mining
- Knowledge of the regulatory permitting process and where community fits in

## Company

- Raise awareness of community connection to the land
- Appreciation for the traditional knowledge shared



# **EWC Successes**

## First Nations

- Better understanding of mining decision and business process
- Communities are kept up to date on proposed changes at the mine

## Company

- Aware of community governance and need for engagement
- Mine facilitating committee tours



# **EWC Successes**

## First Nations

- Early input into project changes
- Participate in environmental monitoring
- Introducing youth to the meetings

## Company

 On-site meetings increase opportunity for senior managers to participate





# **EWC Challenges**

- Scheduling meetings to meet participant availability
- Weather effect on meeting attendance
- Community situations taking priority
- Continuity of representation and information
- Explaining technical data to match comprehension during the meetings and at the community
- Ensuring community concerns/comments are brought forward on a timely manner and addressed



Discussion & Questions for Panel

