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MOUNTAIN PROVINCE DIAMONDS INC.
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY





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Active corporate responsibility is, without question, beneficial to everyone who is part of the operation of our Gahcho Kué mine: to the people of our local communities, our shareholders, the environment, and to everyone in the partnership between Mountain Province Diamonds and De Beers Canada.

Beyond our established state-of-the-art operating principles, we have worked to ensure that the many benefits of Gahcho Kué are shared with our communities, and will continue to be in the future. The following pages give a good idea of the many and varied initiatives through which we support our local communities and our employees, many of whom live and are active in these same communities. Among these initiatives are scholarships for younger students, training programmes for employees, and community projects such as the renovation of the Yellowknife Women's Society shelter. One of our greatest recent successes has been furthering the protection of the local environment through the *Ni Hadi Xa Agreement*, a strong, binding partnership with members of our communities, essential in our commitment to minimum impact.

I am proud to say that in 2018 we succeeded in strengthening our total position, as well as maintaining an exemplary safety record. Together our team, our operating partner, and our communities have created a project that continues to add value - and incomparable diamonds - for our shareholders, while also understanding that protecting the wider environment in our region is vital to our long-term success and future as a sustainable company.



1. GAHCHO KUÉ AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Mountain Province Diamonds, in a joint-venture partnership with De Beers Canada, is proud to be part of the operation of Gahcho Kué, the largest and newest diamond mine in the world. We are equally proud to have a strong working relationship with the indigenous peoples of this region, who have lived here in balance with nature for many centuries. We consider it a privilege to have their trust, and are committed

to the protection of this land and its awe-inspiring environment.

Our Gahcho Kué Mine is located in the pristine Northwest Territories (NWT) of northern Canada, 300 km east-northeast of Yellowknife. A place of undisturbed beauty. The diamonds uncovered here have a unique quality: Northern Canadian diamonds are unlike any others.

The following pages describe all parts of our code of Corporate Social Responsibility. Its ambition is to surpass the expectations formalized in agreements with governments and local communities; to continue to earn the trust of the peoples of this region; to respect the flow of life, beauty of this land, and to ensure that our project has a long life and that its many benefits are shared with the surrounding communities.

To ensure fairness and oversight, we are party to an *Impact Benefits Agreement (IBA)* with six indigenous NWT communities, and have also signed the *Ni Hadi Xa Agreement* that is

distinguished by its use of traditional knowledge monitoring of the greater environment in the area of Gahcho Kué. In all facets of our operation we have made it a priority to make NWT residents the core of our workforce and to strive to make our workplaces diverse and inclusive, particularly by encouraging more women to join our project. In order to continue to strengthen the participation of NWT residents and women, we will continue to be part of strong funding to a variety of programmes and initiatives that begin in our local communities: in education, career development, culture and heritage.



IMPACT BENEFIT AGREEMENT COMMUNITIES

Gahcho Kué is projected to be a diamond producer through to 2030, and we continue to explore many sites that show the potential of extending the life of our operation. Recently we discovered a new, distinct deposit very close to one of our main sites that will allow us to continue to add value to our existing resources (see p.30).

When finally our project comes to an end, we will go beyond what is required to ensure that this land is returned to its original state as far as is possible. We wish our legacy to be the beauty of our everlasting diamonds, the communities and their people who have been enriched by their relationships with Gahcho Kué and Mountain Province Diamonds.

Gahcho Kué is located within the traditional territories of indigenous people that are formally represented by six organisations: Deninu Kué First Nation, Łutsel K'é Dene First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Tłı̨chǫ Government, and Yellowknives Dene First Nation. These peoples have been hunting, fishing, and living on and from the land for many generations. In recognition of the impact of the project to parts of these lands, we have signed separate, formal contracts - *Impact Benefit Agreements* (IBA) - with each of these communities. These agreements detail the expected impacts, the responsibilities of both parties, and outline how the economic and employment benefits of the project will be shared.





2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- / Unmatched safety record: In July this year Gahcho Kué surpassed one million hours without a lost-time injury (LTI). This is a significant achievement and a reflection of our history of safety excellence and duty of care.
- / Increasing number of women working at Gahcho Kué: the number of women in Full-Time Employment (FTE) increased in 2018 by 11% from 2017 and we continue to encourage more women to join our team.
- / More NWT employees at Gahcho Kué: In 2018, 50% of our Full-Time employees were NWT residents and 26% were NWT Indigenous residents, an improvement from 2017.
- / Over its life, Gahcho Kué will add \$5.7B to the economy of the NWT. We have contributed \$440M between 2006-2015.
- / Annual average diamond production through to 2021 is estimated to exceed 5 million carats, with annual recoveries over the life of the mine averaging 4.5 million carats.
- / Recent discovery of the Wilson kimberlite, a new and completely separate deposit very close to our existing operations.

We have developed a diverse workforce supported by inclusive workplaces that reflect the indigenous and local people of our communities as well as the increasing participation of women. Gahcho Kué employs people from 14 communities in the NWT; many are from the Yellowknife area, though even the smallest communities are represented by our employees. In 2018, about half of the total number of Gahcho Kué employees were NWT residents, of which more than 25% were NWT indigenous residents. These figures are an improvement over those of 2017 and we strive to continue strengthening them.

While we have made it a priority to employ as many NWT residents as possible, we have also made efforts to bring more women into our workforce. In 2018 Gahcho Kué provided a total of 527 Full Time Employment (FTE) jobs; of that, 100 FTE jobs were filled by women, an improvement of 11% from 2017. We will continue to encourage the further diversification of our workforce through increased participation by NWT residents, especially women.

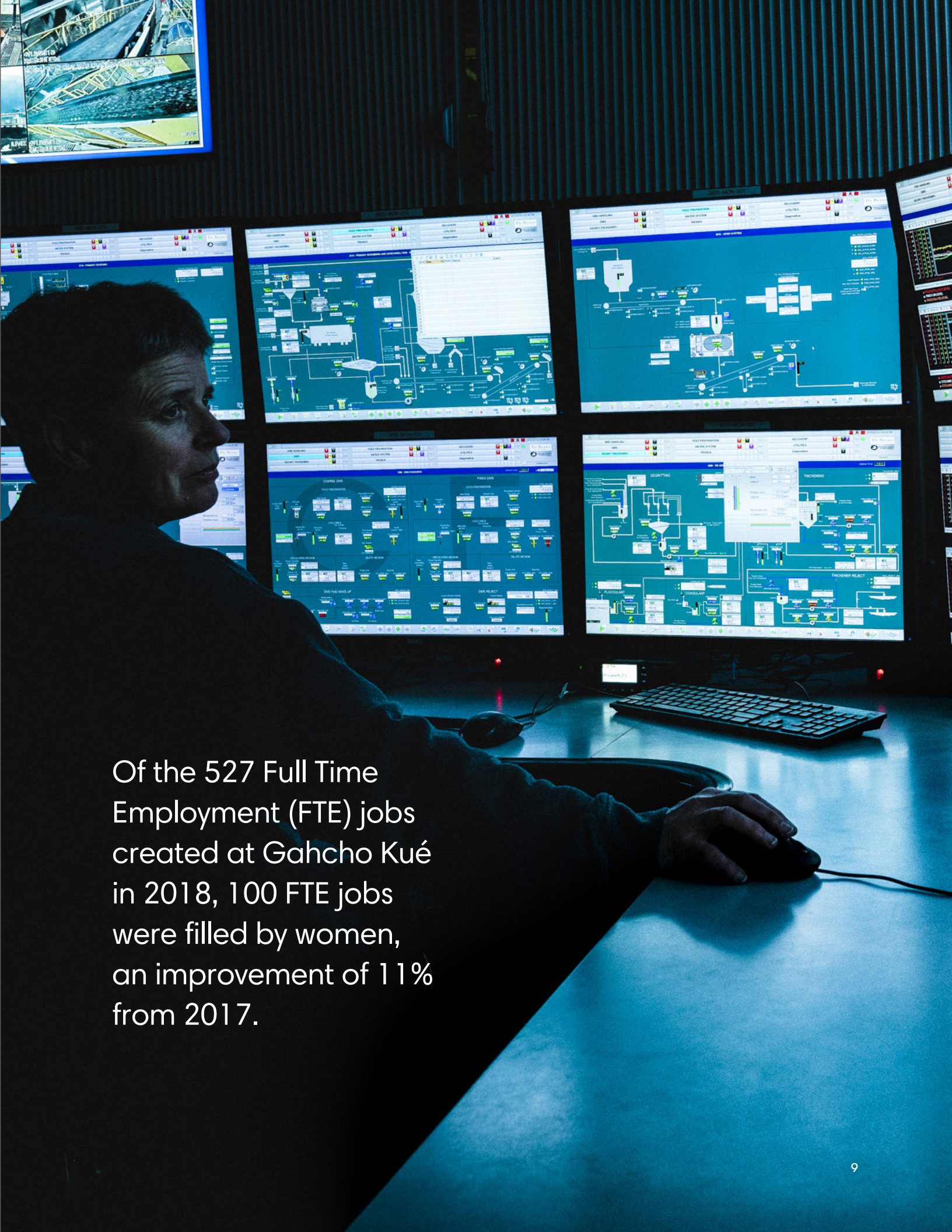
2. OUR PEOPLE







In support of a varied workforce, we have made clear commitments to several programmes that connect us to our communities. We have launched recruitment workshops aimed specifically at NWT indigenous communities and NWT students, as well as on-the-job apprenticeship programmes for NWT residents and indigenous women. To make employment more accessible for employees in remote locations, we provide several pick up points for travel to the site. On site, there is access to ongoing training and skills development as well as to a health and wellness programme designed to encourage healthy lifestyle choices, and reduce the amount of job-related stress. Within the local communities that are fundamental to the Gahcho Kué workforce, we have recognized the need to support the education of younger, and future generations. Mountain Province Diamonds provides contributions and funding to a variety of programmes, such as *Books in Homes*, which focuses on literacy for children, and the annual *IMPACT Camp*, in collaboration with the University of Waterloo, which makes it possible for interested high school students to explore academic interests and receive a valuable introduction to a range of career or study paths.



Of the 527 Full Time Employment (FTE) jobs created at Gahcho Kué in 2018, 100 FTE jobs were filled by women, an improvement of 11% from 2017.

We promote and support the potential of our employees with a wide variety of programmes, some on going, others new, designed so they may continue to develop their job and leadership skills, and maintain an awareness of the importance of their own health and safety as well as those they work with. The programmes offered are essential to sustaining a stimulating work environment and promoting habits that have benefits beyond the workplace.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Supervisor and leadership training is a vital part of ensuring continued excellence in the workplace. We believe that the complexities of managing crews and teams are well-served by programmes that offer both pragmatic and novel approaches, instilling an understanding of the importance of a diverse and inclusive workplace.

In 2018, supervisor training was supported through two programmes: the Northern Leadership Development Programme at Aurora College and the 'Leader as Coach' programme, which has been held previously with great success. Five of our employees completed the Aurora College programme and 17 of our supervisors attended the four separate sessions of 'Leader as Coach.'

Also this past year, 43 Gahcho Kué managers and supervisors undertook an intensive ten-day

course at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary. 'Front Line Leadership' is designed to expand their management abilities and experiences through training that provides progressive techniques and approaches.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Our nine-member training team supported nearly 24,000 hours of employee training at the mine. 376 employees received job training and skills development in courses on site in 2018. Each employee averaged 63 hours in hands-on courses that develop and further expertise in working conditions such as confined spaces, working at heights, hot works, as well as general first aid.

Eleven employees who are also NWT residents formally trained for positions in 2018, six in the process plant and five in mining. Two apprenticeship positions undertaken by Gahcho Kué employees from IBA communities will begin in 2019.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In 2018 we offered our employees a greater number of ways to act on the vital importance of health, both at and away from the workplace. Seven new initiatives were put in place and made easily accessible, aimed at encouraging employees to be aware of basic health indicators such as weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels, as well as providing nutritional guidance. One of these initiatives, the annual *Walk to Tuk* event created by NWT Parks and Recreation, again proved popular. Between January and March 40 employees each logged a total extra-work distance of 1658 kilometres, the distance between Fort Providence in the south and Tuktoyaktuk in the north.



3. OUR COMMUNITY

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BOOKS IN HOMES

Reading is not only pleasurable, but is connected to increased social and economic benefits; it is crucial to the education and future employment paths of young people. In 2018, the *Books in Homes* programme visited 14 schools in nine of our communities, providing 6,900 books to children to take home with them. This programme also received generous support from 13 of our Gahcho Kué contractors.



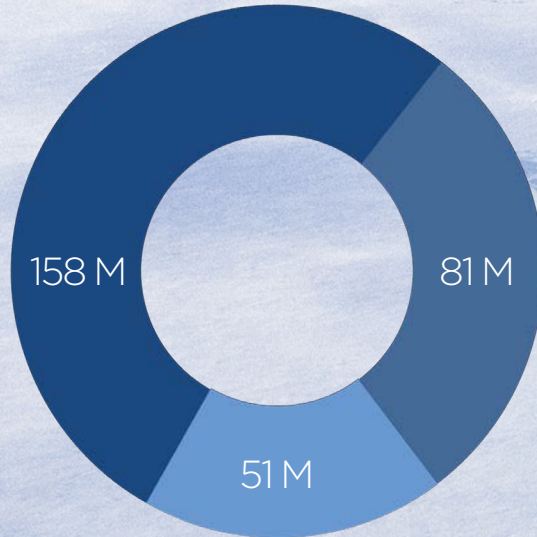
A foundation of our success is strong partnerships with the many local communities that, in one way or another, contribute to Gahcho Kué. We believe that the true success of the project lies in the positive and lasting impacts it will have on our communities, far beyond the immediate value of extracting diamonds. Our approach is community-driven, seeking always to deliver both economic and social value that will extend through and beyond the life of Gahcho Kué.

Mountain Province Diamonds prioritizes working with local NWT companies and employing, where possible, NWT residents. Our Supply Chain and Social Performance Teams maintain close communication with local business communities so that they are aware of upcoming opportunities and we have developed initiatives to support local businesses through procurement opportunities for local suppliers, project work for local contractors, and contracts for local catering companies. In June 2018, we co-sponsored the Business Opportunity Update in Yellowknife, and also took part in the 46th Annual Yellowknife Geoscience Forum. Both of these events gave local businesses immediate access to new opportunities.

The result of these efforts is that in 2018 more than \$208 million was spent with NWT-based companies, including \$51 million with indigenous NWT companies. The amounts in 2018 show an increase in spending with indigenous and non-indigenous NWT businesses over the previous three years.

GK MINE SPEND IN 2018
72% of projected total was spent with NWT businesses

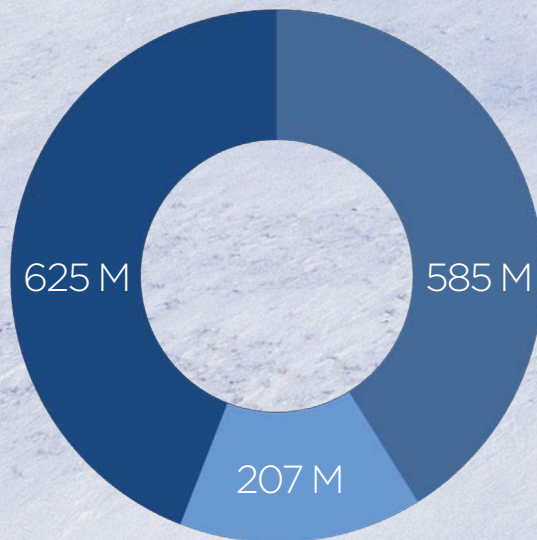
CAD 290 M total



158 M with Non-indigenous NWT businesses
81 M with Non-NWT businesses
51 M with Indigenous NWT businesses

CUMULATIVE GK MINE SPEND (2015 - 2018)

CAD 1.4 B total



625 M with Non-indigenous NWT businesses
585 M with Non-NWT businesses
207 M with Indigenous NWT businesses

While we make every effort to employ NWT residents, recruiting in the NWT is challenged by a number of forces: restrictions of the availability of skilled labour; the remoteness of Gahcho Kué from communities; reduced interest in working in the mining industry. To help meet these challenges, we have made substantial investments in initiatives that support the long-range, continuing development of the communities from which many of our employees come.

Our social investment focusses on educational programmes, skills development, and initiatives that will, we believe, leave a lasting and positive impact on our communities, continuing to grow

in influence far beyond the life of Gahcho Kué. While some of these programmes are keyed to the industry, many are purely foundational and aim to further the general well-being of the communities, particularly by stimulating the intellectual interest and development of younger people.

A vital component here is the effort to encourage women, especially young women and girls, to gain confidence in their potential and to enter fields of study traditionally dominated by men. As we also encourage more women to join the workforce at Gahcho Kué, we believe they will in turn positively influence younger generations.

FUNDING RECOGNIZES THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES

EDUCATION

- / Yellowknives Dene First Nation scholarships
- / Graduation Events in Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Yellowknife

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- / Yellowknife Women's Society shelter renovation (see p.32)
- / Yellowknife Artists Cooperative
- / Development of Human Resources Databases for IBA Communities
- / Trail Construction in Łutselk'e
- / Tłı̨chǫ *Trails of Our Ancestors*

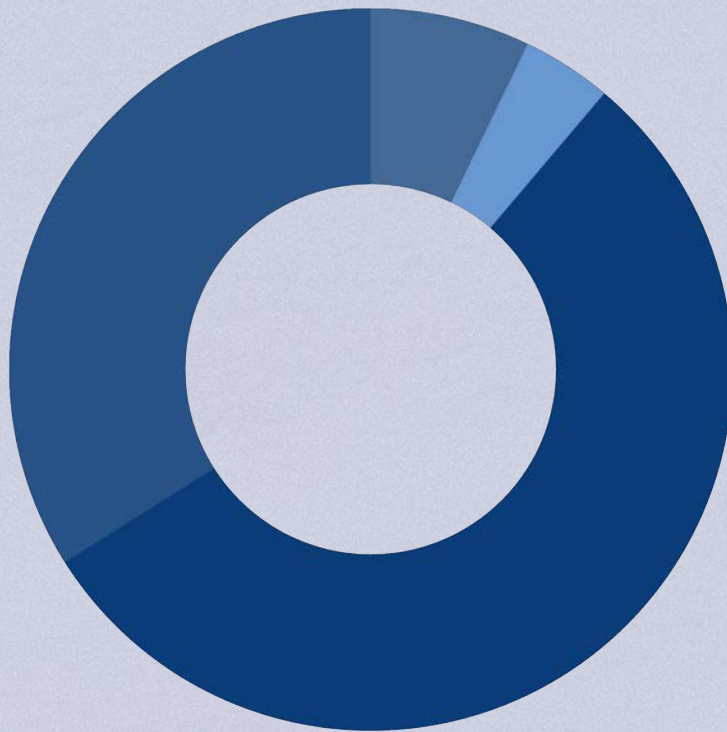
EVENTS

- / *Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference*
- / *Stanton Territorial Hospital Festival of Giving*
- / Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala
- / NWT Chamber of Mines Annual Miners' Picnic
- / *South Slave Arctic Winter Games*
- / *De Beers Inspired Ice* International Ice Carving competition
- / North Slave Métis Alliance Fish Fry
- / Carnivals and Feasts in Whati, Detah, Fort Smith, and Yellowknife

GK MINE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN 2018

In 2018, overall contributions to our communities exceeded \$530,000. Of this total, \$482,000 was provided to local indigenous communities jointly by Mountain Province Diamonds and De Beers Canada.

CAD 530,383 total



Culture and Heritage: \$291,543

Education, Training and Health: \$181,100

Sport: \$35,240

Community Development: \$22,500.

IMPACT CAMP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Funded in partnership with United Nations Women, this programme is specifically designed to give young girls and young indigenous girls an in-depth introduction to areas of study in which women are traditionally under represented: in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics fields (STEM). This three-day camp at the university included girls in grades seven to nine from Behchokò, Hay River, Łutsek'e, Yellowknife, as well as indigenous girls from parts of Ontario.

PROMOTING CAREERS IN MINING

25 grade 11 and 12 students from six communities visited the Gahcho Kué mine in early December. Students from Behchokò, Hay River, Łutsek'e, Fort Smith, Yellowknife, and N'dilo toured the truck shop, process plant, and one of the open pits. Employees from the entire range of departments at the mine also spoke to the students about the wide variety of job types and careers required in the industry.





Behchokò (population 2010)

Language: Tłı̄chǫ Yatı̄ı (Dogrib)



Déłı̄ne (576)

Language: Sahtúot'ı̄ne Yat (North Slavey)



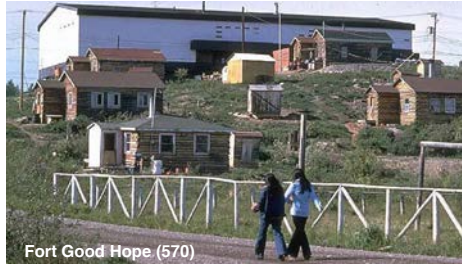
Detah (233)

Languages: Tłı̄chǫ Yatı̄ı (Dogrib), Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan)



Enterprise (131)

Languages: Nēhiyawēwin (Cree), Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan), Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



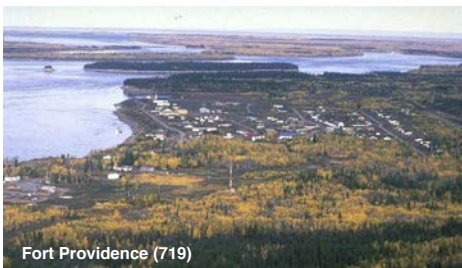
Fort Good Hope (570)

Language: Sahtúot'ı̄ne Yat (North Slavey)



Fort McPherson (684)

Language: Dinjii Zhu' Ginjik (Gwich'in)



Fort Providence (719)

Language: Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



Fort Resolution (561)

Language: Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan)



Fort Smith (2709)

Languages: Nēhiyawēwin (Cree), Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan), Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



Gamèti (301)

Language: Tłı̄chǫ Yatı̄ı (Dogrib)



Hay River (Town) (3824)

Languages: Cree, Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan), Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



Hay River (Reserve) (331)

Languages: Cree, Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan), Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



Inuvik (3536)

Languages: Dinjii Zhu' Ginjik (Gwich'in), Inuvialuktun



Jean Marie River (89)

Language: Dene Zhatı̄ı (South Slavey)



Łutselk'e (319)

Language: Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan)



Wekweèti (132)

Language: Tłı̄chǫ Yatı̄ı (Dogrib)



Whati (501)

Language: Sahtúot'ı̄ne Yat (North Slavey)



Yellowknife (20,607)

Languages: Tłı̄chǫ Yatı̄ı (Dogrib), Dene Sų́ı̄né Yatı̄ı (Chipewyan)

For thousands of years, what is now northern Canada has been home to many indigenous nations and their communities. Peoples from many of these communities are part of our team, contributing their skills and knowledge, diversifying our workforce to make Mountain Province Diamonds a representation of Canada and its peoples. They are an essential part of our future and our success.



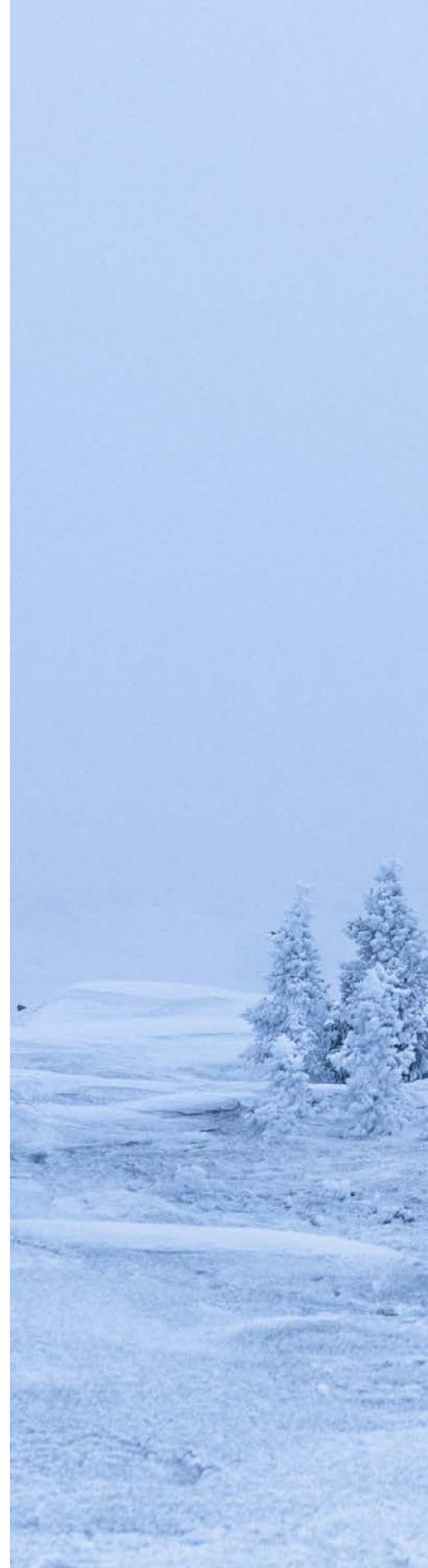
4. THE ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE

ENVIRONMENT

We operate in a unique and pristine environment and are committed to protecting it. The water, air, plants, and wildlife of this region have for many generations sustained the indigenous peoples of the NWT for many generations. Maintaining their quality is essential to the continued well-being of present and future generations.

To ensure that our practices always perform to a degree higher than required standards, our environmental management system is ISO 14001 certified and we have a full-time environmental team dedicated solely to monitoring, reporting, and communicating on matters related to the environment. If, and when, any action is required, our team will direct an immediate response.

We operate in accordance with permits and licences that are tailored specifically to GK operations and include provisions for conducting environmental programs aimed at reducing potential effects on the surrounding land, air, water, and wildlife. The permits, licences, and programs are reviewed by local communities and approved by their representatives on co-management boards.





WILDLIFE

The area in which Gahcho Kué is located supports many species of mammals, birds, and fish, and their habitats. The abundance of wildlife in this remote and relatively undisturbed environment makes it a region unlike any other on earth. Regularly seen close to Gahcho Kué are mammals such as Arctic Hares, Arctic Foxes, Grey Wolves, Grizzly Bears, Muskox, Wolverines and birds like the Snowy Owl and the Peregrine Falcon. The lakes and waterways near the mine contain large numbers of fish, especially Trout and Northern Pike.

The health of the ecosystem in the region of Gahcho Kué is vital in and of itself. Maintaining its health is essential to the continuing prosperity and well-being of present and future generations in the communities of the region. The indigenous peoples of the NWT have always lived in balance with their natural world and have accumulated an immense wealth of knowledge thereof. In partnership with them, we at Mountain Province Diamonds are committed to the careful stewardship of the greater area surrounding Gahcho Kué. We consider all wildlife and their habitats integral parts of a complex

whole, to ensure their long-term protection several key measures have been undertaken.

Wildlife monitoring for Gahcho Kué is developed, reviewed and revised in collaboration with regulatory agencies, technical experts and local indigenous communities.

The resulting *Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan (WWHPP)* and *Wildlife Effects Monitoring Plan (WEMP)* were designed to mitigate and monitor the effects on wildlife both within the immediate area of the mine and also in the larger, surrounding region beyond the mine. Our environmental team ensures that these plans are effectively carried out and must submit a comprehensive analysis every five years, beginning in 2019.

To create a more meaningful way for local indigenous communities to be an essential part of the ongoing environmental monitoring and management plans, and especially to receive guidance from these communities, we signed the *Ni Hadi Xa Agreement* (see p. 28). It builds on our collaborative relationships, increases efficiency of the many processes, and, most importantly, brings the wealth of traditional knowledge to monitoring and mitigation practices.



LIVING SIGNALS

Caribou are highly valued by northern communities for their cultural and economic importance. We therefore monitor their behaviour closely at varying distances from the project. As lichen is an important food source for the caribou, we also undertake monitoring programs on lichen at various sites every three years. Our goal is always to limit our impacts to levels far below what is required and as many of our employees belong to local communities, our motivation to achieve this is strong.

THE ANIMALS OF GAHCHO KUÉ



ARCTIC FOX (*Vulpes lagopus*) - white winter coat provides camouflage; only fox known to have a different colour coat during other seasons; builds up fat reserves in autumn, increasing body weight by as much as 50%; builds complex, underground dens for warmth and security; small, about the size of a domestic cat; lives to 3 - 4 years in the wild.



ARCTIC HARE (*Lepus arcticus*) - dense fur coat changes colour seasonally to provide camouflage for protection; large feet allow it to traverse deep snow easily; can achieve speeds up to 65 km/hr; mostly solitary; sometimes called 'polar rabbits.' The name Gahcho Kué is Chipewyan and means 'place where there are big white rabbits'.



CARIBOU (*Rangifer tarandus*) - are of great cultural and economic importance to northern communities. They are also considered an indicator species, signalling the state of the greater environment. Our team, as well as our partners in the *Ni Hadi Xa* programme, closely monitor caribou at varying distances from the project to ensure that our impact remains well below required limits.



MUSKOX (*Ovibos moschatus*) - have inhabited the arctic for thousands of years; once threatened by human hunting, the population is now stable; males and females each have horns that continue to grow and are never shed; horns are primarily used as a defense against wolves; long, shaggy hair is ideally suited to arctic winters; can live between 12 - 20 years in the wild.



PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus*) - parts of northern Canada provide summer breeding grounds; nests on cliffs; known for its flight speed: averaging 40-55 km/hr in ordinary flight and speeds exceeding 100 km/hr while hunting; can live up to 20 years in the wild.



RAVEN (*Corvus corax*) - among the most intelligent of any animals, known for their playfulness and problem-solving abilities; hold a place of great and mythic importance in indigenous cultures; the largest perching birds in North America; can live up to 13 years in the wild.



GREY WOLF (*Canis lupus*) - largest member of the wild dog family; were once the mammal most widely distributed throughout the world; can live up to 13 years in the wild; wolf packs are complex social structures led by an alpha male and female who normally mate for life.



GRIZZLY BEAR (*Ursus arctos horribilus*) - the second largest of the bear family, characterized by a large shoulder hump and shaggy coat that is typically either black, dark brown, or ivory yellow; estimated to be 4000 - 5000 in the NWT; can reach speeds of up to 48 km/hr over short distances; can live up to 25 years in the wild.



SNOWY OWL (*Bubo scandiacus*) - a large bird, with wingspan up to 1.5 metres; white and dark brown feathers provide camouflage; males can be pure white, while females always retain brown feathers; exceptional hearing and vision; can live up to 10 years in the wild.



WOLVERINE (*Gulo gulo*) - largest member of the mustelid family, which also includes otters, weasels, and mink; solitary and territorial; adapted for life in the winter: wide paws allow them to stay on top of the snow; have a very large home range and will travel great distances for food; can live up to 12 years in the wild.



5. OUR PARTNERSHIPS

From its inception, Gahcho Kué has been a truly collaborative undertaking. Our strong partnerships have enabled the project to flourish and will continue to be vital to its progress and continued success.

DE BEERS CANADA

The complexity of developing, building, and operating a diamond mine in Canada's north requires proven expertise and experience. We are proud and fortunate to have De Beers Canada as our operating partner.

De Beers has been active in diamond exploration and development in Canada for more than 50 years, primarily in northern Canada - both in the NWT and Ontario. It developed and operated the Snap Lake Mine in the NWT and the Victor Mine in Ontario and brought the successes of these projects to our Gahcho Kué mine, the largest new diamond mine in the world.

De Beers Canada is a key part of the De Beers Group, which has been the world's leading and

most innovative diamond producer for more than 130 years. De Beers has been a key player in helping Canada become the world's third-largest producer by value in a relatively short period of time. Its integral role in Gahcho Kué will further Canada's global reputation for high quality diamonds, mined and marketed with integrity.

More than pure experience and know-how, De Beers is also driven to deliver economic and social value together, by making significant investment in communities close to their projects. The Company acts on the belief that its business can add long-term benefits to communities as it also adds economic value. With this kind of vision De Beers will continue to be the world's leading diamond company.

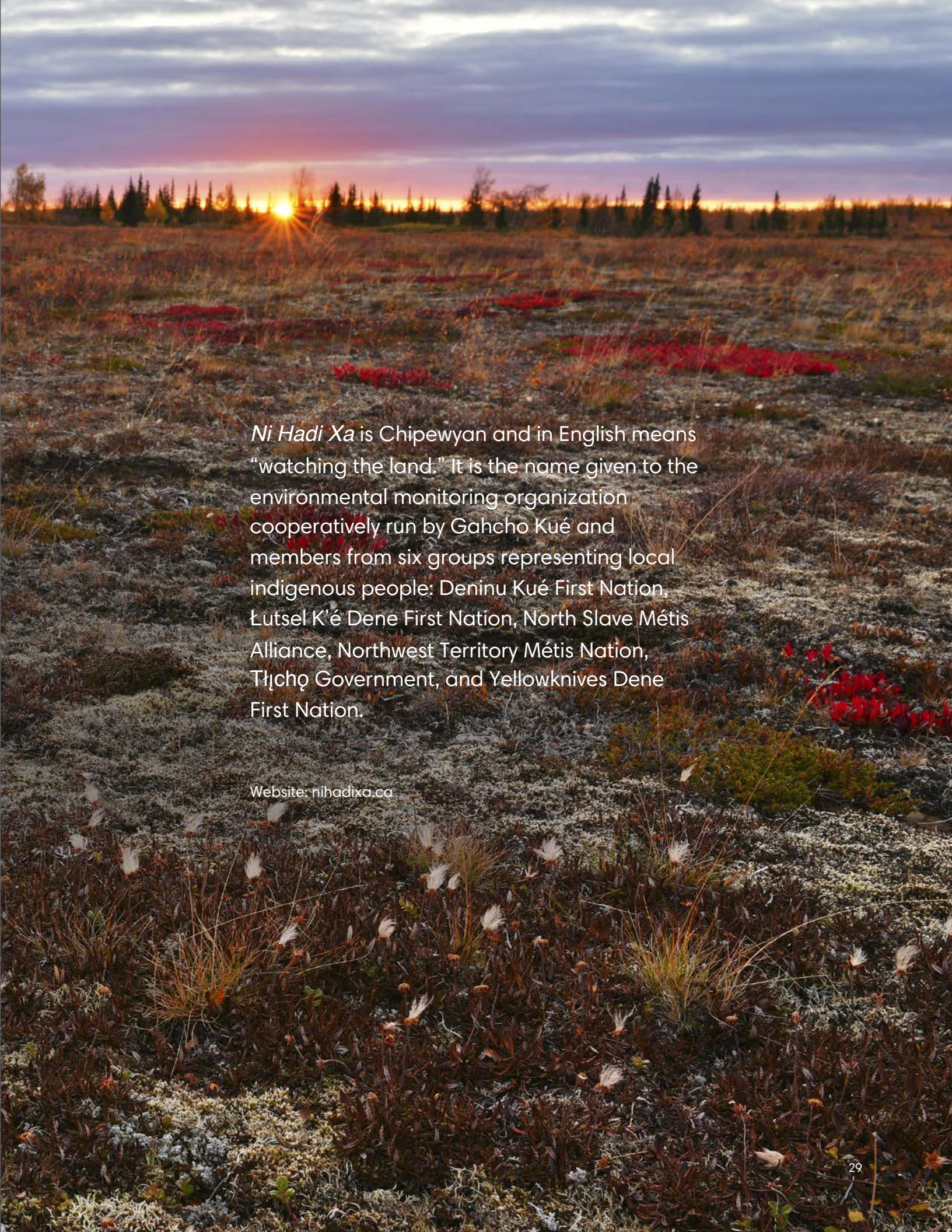
NI HADI XA AGREEMENT

The *Ni Hadi Xa Agreement* is an innovative environmental monitoring strategy and a binding stewardship contract between six representatives of local indigenous communities in the region, and the partnership between Mountain Province Diamonds and De Beers Canada. It was established in 2014 with the primary goal of aiding efforts to minimize the impacts of the project on the surrounding lands, water, plants and wildlife.

Its innovation lies in the use of traditional knowledge by several skilled indigenous monitors in regular observations made at the Gahcho Kué site and in observations made during seasonal travel covering a wide part of the region and its major waterways. Traditional knowledge has been bequeathed by successive generations for thousands of years and is therefore a source of consistent and reliable methods, information, and understanding.

Invaluable direct and intimate field observations of wildlife are made through such supports as a dedicated monitoring base cabin and a fish-tasting programme. Day-to-day work is carried out by two traditional knowledge monitors and an administrator who work closely with the Gahcho Kué environmental team. Combining results from traditional and scientific methods, our cooperative team produces regular and comprehensive reports and analyses of the state of our environment and wildlife and from which recommendations are made where necessary.

Ni Hadi Xa has been established for the long-term. Funding supports the team's strategy to increase the involvement of local communities and collect information from even wider circles and enables it to contribute to long-term objectives such as the future closing and reclamation process at the end of Gahcho Kué. The very positive results that have emerged in a very short time are a testament to the power of cooperation, shared communication and the desire to exceed legislated requirements.



Ni Hadi Xa is Chipewyan and in English means “watching the land.” It is the name given to the environmental monitoring organization cooperatively run by Gahcho Kué and members from six groups representing local indigenous people: Deninu Kué First Nation, Łutsel K’é Dene First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Tłı̨chǫ Government, and Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

Website: nihadixa.ca

6. BEYOND GAHCHO KUÉ

The current known extent of diamond-bearing kimberlite ore at Gahcho Kué is substantial, allowing the project a predicted life out to 2030. Beyond this, however, the entire area in and around the current site is rich with potential and we therefore continue to carry out exploration in addition to our primary operation of extracting diamonds.

In June 2019, we announced the discovery of a new and completely separate deposit within the vicinity of our current operations and very close to our “Tuzo” deposit. This discovery, which we have named the “Wilson” kimberlite, is the first discovery of a new deposit in the area in 20 years. More testing must be done, but this discovery underscores the exciting potential of the greater area surrounding Gahcho Kué, and the very real possibility that further discoveries

could potentially lead to extending the project past 2030. We continue also to undertake exploration at our Kennedy North Project, a few kilometres southwest of Gahcho Kué and entirely owned by Kennady Diamonds Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mountain Province Diamonds, as well as at sites further north and east.

MPVD is committed to ensuring the long-term health and safety of people and wildlife who inhabit the areas where we operate. Planning for mine closure begins with mine design and is a collaborative effort with local communities, regulatory agencies, and technical experts throughout the life of mine. A comprehensive closure plan for Gahcho Kué was prepared at the beginning of the project and is designed to ensure that the area is safe for humans and wildlife for generations to come. This includes provisions to close the mining areas, dismantle all buildings and structures, manage left over waste rock, reclaim the land, remove all dykes, and return the lake to its original shoreline. The financial means to achieve this has been deposited with the Government of the NWT.



The closure and reclamation plan is highly regulated and conforms thoroughly to established international guidelines. As the closure will take place over a number of years and is many years away, continuing long-term research in the field, as well as the growing inventory of traditional knowledge being provided by local communities and initiatives such as the *Ni Hadi Xa Agreement*, the plan is subject to change to account for future insights. Any suggested changes that offer improvements to the plan are detailed in annual reports. Where any of these changes necessitate changes in costs, the liability coverage held by the GNWT is adjusted as needed.

RENOVATING THE YELLOWKNIFE WOMEN'S SOCIETY SHELTER

Gahcho Kué has partnered with the Anglo American Group Foundation and the NWT Housing Corporation to fund and support the full renovation of the Yellowknife Women's Society shelter.

The goal of the project is to help improve the safety and stability of a vulnerable portion of Yellowknife's population. Through the renovation, the aim is further to be able to offer increased occupancy space as well as improved access to trauma and addiction treatment services.

Bree Denning, the Executive Director of The Society, noted: "These changes will allow for the shelter to focus more energy on the actual individuals and address their needs that bring them to the shelter....The goal of the project is to address women's homelessness by increasing their stability within the Centre, and possibly allowing them to move on to less intensive supportive housing."

16 single-room occupancy bedrooms will be constructed to replace the current arrangement of multi-occupant rooms and overflow beds in open spaces. Separate offices for a doctor and a nurse will also be added, and the kitchen and common areas will be completely renovated, including new commercial-quality appliances. The result will be permanent, supportive housing with 24-hour staff so that women in need can have the chance to improve their health and well-being within a much-improved and expanded facility.

"This shared living configuration supports women who prefer to have common spaces where they can interact with others, as opposed to experiencing the isolation that can sometimes exist in the private rental market," said Alfred Moses, Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation and for Addressing Homelessness.

BANDVAGN 206, or the “Hägglunds”

This all-terrain vehicle was originally designed to carry troops and their equipment over the snow and bog-lands of northern Sweden. It is therefore ideal for the similarly difficult terrain of the NWT and we use these vehicles especially for exploration. The articulated, or separated, design allows the vehicle to maintain constant contact with the ground over uneven terrain and its lightweight body and wide rubber tracks prevent it from sinking into the snow and damaging the tundra, even while carrying heavy loads. It is also completely amphibious, its tracks enabling it to be propelled in water. Known affectionately as the “Hägglunds” - after the name of their inventor - they are an indispensable part of our fleet of vehicles.





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