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Environmental liability due to past mining

Progress report

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- There are mine sites in Québec considered “abandoned” since they have no known or solvent owners.
- These sites must be rehabilitated by the State.
- Since 2007, an environmental liability, which represents obligations issuing from the rehabilitation of contaminated sites under the State’s responsibility, has been recorded in the public accounts.

Environmental liability due to past mining

- An amount of \$1.19 billion was recorded in the public accounts as at March 31, 2012, as an environmental liability due to the mining industry
- \$853 million for the rehabilitation of mine sites by the State
- \$341 million for sites the State may have to rehabilitate

Environmental liability due to past mining

- 698 abandoned mine sites are recorded as an environmental liability and include:
 - 488 mineral exploration sites, including:
 - ✓ 275 exploration sites in Nunavik (14 of 18 major sites have been rehabilitated);
 - ✓ 213 exploration sites in Eeyou-Istchee
 - 12 quarries and sand pits (6 of which have been rehabilitated)
 - 198 mine sites, including:
 - ✓ 111 rehabilitated or secured sites, including 10 major sites
 - ✓ 19 major sites that are being rehabilitated
 - ✓ 31 mine sites to be rehabilitated, three of which are major
 - ✓ 37 mine sites to be secured

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- Since 2006–2007, the MRN has spent \$76.5 million on the rehabilitation and monitoring of the mine sites for which it has assumed responsibility. This amount was recorded as a reduction of the Government's environmental liability.
- Main sites where work has been done: Barvue, Suffield, Mine Principale, New Calumet, Lac Renzy, Beattie, Pandora, Thompson Cadillac, Darius O'Brien, Lapa, Preissac Molybdénite, Siscoe, Montauban United, Tétrault 1, Tétrault 2, Capelton, Manitou, East-Malartic and Waite-Amulet.

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- Partnership agreements have been signed by the State for:
 - Rehabilitation of the **Manitou site** (Manitou-Goldex project) with Agnico Eagle Mines (2006 and 2008)
 - Cleanup of **mineral exploration sites in Nunavik** with the Kativik Regional Government, Makivik Corporation and the Fonds Restor-Action Nunavik (a group of exploration companies) (2007)
 - rehabilitation of the **East Malartic site** with Osisko Mining Corporation (2010).
- In 2013, an agreement similar to the one signed in Nunavik could be reached with the Cree for cleanup of mineral exploration sites in Eeyou-Istchee.