Cree Mineral Exploration Board
Cree Land: Mineral Exploration and Access

Yousef Larbi
Director General and Chief Geologist
This is Mining
Under control of the Community
and the Cree Government
CMEB has the mandate to develop Exploration

No Show off just Geology
Cree Mineral Exploration Board

Not for profit Cree entity

Under Cree Nation Government

Board of Directors composed of 4 Cree representatives and one representative identified by the Government of Québec

CMEB relies on the services of a Chief Geologist and a Geologist
Program

• Encourage mining development in Eeyou Istchee
• Facilitate access to the territories by the exploration
• act as an entry mechanism for services offers and collaboration and as Intermediate between the Exploration companies, Prospectors, academic institutions and the Crees.
• Geological knowledge of the land (Data)
• Fund for individual Prospector
• Fund for Cree Exploration company,
• Encourage of joint venture Cree and non-Cree
• Encouraging Crees to invest in Exploration
• Training
• Geological Expertise
• Geosciences and school fairs
• Three Annual Reports, Several Prospectors reports and CMEP trainings reports. 
Training and Employment assistance
It starts early
Training and Employment assistance

- Field prospector training program for Crees on Eeyou Istchee;
- Facilitate hiring of competent Crees in the mining sector or related sector;
- Involve with the Cree Human Resources, the Cree School Board, the mining industry and Government agencies to develop adult training programs and college degree in environment;
- Presentations in Cree schools and field excursions with Cree youth to promote Earth Sciences;
- Workshops for community members to provide information about the mining industry;
CMEB Individual Prospector Program

* Promote mostly surface prospecting by individuals
* Increase the reconnaissance level of Eeyou Istchee
* Cover the largest amount of ground, or cover intensively selected areas for surface exploration

Funding provided by the CMEB up to a maximum of $30,000/project
CMEB Entrepreneur’s Assistance Program

* Finance exploration projects carried out by Cree exploration companies up to 75K$ per project.
* Finance exploration projects carried out through partnership or joint ventures between mineral exploration companies and Cree exploration companies;
* Promote the creation of Cree public mineral exploration companies
Native Exploration Services
Ouje-Bougoumou, Sam Bosum

Mineral Exploration Company
Mining - exploration services: Line cutting, staking, geological and geophysics & Training.

Made its reputation on excellence & experience - geophysical methods in exploration. CMEB invests in Native Exp & believes in its Potential
J.A. MacLeod Exploration
Mistissini
Pres. Jim MacLeod

**Training** for natives and non-natives - exploration of properties with potential for eventual mines.

**Joint ventures and partnership** with Companies, Virginia, Soquem and Eastmain Resources etc., In Eeyou Istchee to explore for Basic metals and minerals. The company is implicated in several projects in environment, services and impact studies.
Nimsken Corporation Inc.
Ouje-Bougoumou Band
Ouje-Bougoumou
Pres. Chief Curtis Bosum

Junior exploration company

Exploration of new properties. Concentrate on basic metals and gold & evaluation of mining properties. Joint ventures SOQEM. Nimsken undertakes exploration to the final stages. It’s one of the most emerging Cree mining companies. CMEB invests in Nimsken Corp. invest projects.
Wemindji Exploration (WEMEX)
Wemindji Band
Pres. Tony Gull

Develop the mineral potential of Wemindji area and create a skilled workforce in mining exploration. WEMEX Joint Ventures Dianor Mine Exploration and Virginia... Work on its own land and high potential properties. Provide services as line cutting, sampling, scorecard, transportation and equipment.
Customized Services

Cree communities ↔ Corporations

TRAINING

#1 Native Firm in Environmental Services

Services

Environmental

Technical

Related
## Mineral Exploration in Eeyou Istchee

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# Mineral Exploration in Eeyou Istchee

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Mineral Exploration Eeyou Istchee
Paix Des Braves
CMEB publishes Mining Activity Report sorted by Communities & Traplines by November every year.
Category I Lands

The Crees have a surface right

Mineral and sub-surface rights belong to the Government of Québec

Exploration is not permitted
Mining exploration is allowed but it must be carried out so as to avoid unreasonable conflict with harvesting activities.

Mining exploitation involves the replacement of Category II lands affected or, if the Cree community prefers, compensation could be provided.
The general mining legislation is applicable (Mining Act, L.R.Q. c. M-13.1)

Mining exploration in the province of Québec

- http://gestim.mrnfp.gouv.qc.ca

- The owner of a claim has to carry out exploration work up to a minimum to keep its claim in good standing allow its renewal
What Tallyman and the Crees Expect?

1. You can count always on the help of CMEB whatever is the issue in the domain of Minerals Exploration.

2. After Staking your claim and planning Exploration field work we need to communicate with the Tallyman and the local Authority (Chief and Deputy Chief). CMEB will help to provide the information to reach the concerned people. We foster emails faster and efficient. Cree Trappers Association Kindly helping us transmit the e-letters to tallyman who do not have an email address;

3. Get close to the landholders and establish a good relation of respect;
What Tallyman and the Crees Expect?

1. Job offers to the community and the Tallyman;
2. Invite the communities to invest in the projects;
3. Give the opportunity to the Cree companies to offer their services;
4. Use the James Bay towns infrastructure: food, lodging, transportation...etc
What Tallyman and the Crees Expect?

Be honest for early beginning
What Tallyman and the Crees Expect?

Even if we keep the same content, two letters to be sent separately:

A letter to The Tallyman

A letter to the Chief and the deputy Chief

It could be send by mail or by email: (we prefer e-mail)

CMEB will be pleased to provide you those information.
What Tallyman and the Crees Expect?

**Exemple: Mistissini**

*Francais*

**Pour Tallyman:**
Envoyez la lettre à cette adresse courriel:
M. Willie Loon, Local Fur CTA Officer: williejloon@ctaoffice.ca
Les gens du Cree Trappers Association CTA nous rendent un énorme service en transmettant les lettres aux tallymen. je vous prie de m’aider à garder ce privilège. Exprimez votre gentillesse dans le e-mail Par Example: Mister NAME you will be kind to transmit the letter to the Tallyman Mister NAME traplene M56. Thank you for your help.

**Pour la lettre au chef Richard Shecapio:** Utilisez ces courriels:
Chief Richard Shecapio <chief@mistissini.ca> et En CC » Chief Richard Shecapio <Rshecapio@mistissini.ca> et En CC. Deputy Chief Gerald Longchap <glongchap@mistissini.ca>

*English*

**For Mistissini Tallymen:**
send the letter to this email:
M. Richard Gunner, Local Fur CTA Officer: rgunner@ctaoffice.ca
please be thankful to mister gunner Fur Officer and ask him to transmit the letter to
OBJECTIVES

1. Encourage the Cree communities to become more involved in mineral development;

2. Encourage and Develop the out coming of Cree prospectors;

3. Foster the training of a specialized Cree workforce;

4. Develop within the Cree communities reputable expertise;

5. Promote the emergence of Cree entrepreneurship;

6. Integrate Crees into the various mineral exploration activities carried out in the territory;

7. Promote the creation of Cree enterprises involved in mineral exploration and related fields;

8. Promote the region’s mineral potential through geological research and mapping activities.
Establishment of a Cree Mining Investment Fund

* The fund would consist in a sufficient capital base to invest in the equity of promising and profitable mining companies active on Eeyou Istchee;

* Develop the participation of Cree businesses and promote Cree employment in the mining sector;

* Such a fund would allow the Crees to become important actors and partners in the mining sector of Eeyou Istchee.

* Recuperation of capital and return on investment
Business opportunities

All Cree Communities are now organized to offer services and create business.

Create Channels

Win Win projects
Challenges

• Developing the mining activities with the proper communication tools;

• Respect the land, culture, a way of life and its environment;

• The Crees want to join on this mining wave in terms of - Jobs - Entrepreneur Projects - Building infrastructures example: roads, camp operations, air strips, etc…

• Training at different levels for all aspects of natural resources;

• Developing a geo-scientific background.
Conclusion

Politics are way of life in all aboriginal communities and this is a big challenge to properly address when considering mining projects; but if we respect the land and develop the proper network based on consultation at the very beginning, the process will benefit all parties concerned.

A mutual understanding lead to sustainable development.

Bridge
Meegwech
Merci
Thank you
謝謝
धन्यवाद
شكرا
תודה
Danke
cпасибо
Grazie
Gracias
Sağol

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