



Attawapiskat First Nation Launches New Business to Provide Camp Services at the De Beers Canada Victor Mine

Attawapiskat Catering Limited Partnership, a new local enterprise, has secured the contract for catering and operating services at the De Beers Canada Victor Mine site in Northern Ontario. The venture took over the services formerly provided by ESS Support Services on February 2, 2011.

"This is an exciting, positive development for our community", said Chief Theresa Spence, Chief of Attawapiskat First Nation. "Not only will the service company now be 100% First Nation-owned and operated, but we have partnered with the forward-looking Outland Camps organization to bring in expertise and future training opportunities for employees."

Representatives of Attawapiskat Catering met with employees of the existing service operation to assure them that they will be offered their same jobs, rates-of-pay, and general terms of employment. Every effort was made to ensure that transition to the new service provider was seamless, with little or no disruption to the operations at the mine.

When additional staff are needed, the new company will continue the hiring approach already in place, drawing employees from surrounding communities with priority given to Attawapiskat members.

Victor Mine General Manager Rory Greyvensteyn extended congratulations to Attawapiskat Resources Inc. and the community of Attawapiskat for continuing to build upon the opportunities

"The De Beers Canada Victor Mine is committed to responsible, sustainable development in the communities in which we operate. Attawapiskat Catering is an example of the community, the mine and business working together to help our local partners reach their goals".

Chairperson of Attawapiskat Resources Inc., Steve Hookimaw concluded, "This model of full management and control is precisely the direction we are pursuing in ARI business ventures. We consider today's announcement a stepping stone for more commercial enterprises we are planning in the future."

ARI Gives Back to the Community

In 2010 ARI generously supported our youth by providing uniforms to Attawapiskat Midget Hockey and J. R. Nakogee School Girl's Basketball Teams. Donations were also made to support other sports teams our youth played on. ARI contributed generously to CreeFest, the 1st Annual Shannen Koostachin Memorial Youth Gathering last summer and various other community celebrations.

Thanks to the generosity of Toromont and ARI we have a children's playground in the community. Last spring, ARI donated funds to buy food and fuel for the search and rescue workers looking for young Ian Kamalatisit. ARI deposited \$ 500,000 into the Attawapiskat Trust in 2010 which helped build new houses. This month, ARI provided funds for the International Women's Day celebration.

ARI Mission Statement

Attawapiskat Resources Inc. represents the public, business and economic capacity interests of the Attawapiskat First Nation and its members, through the establishment, governance and operation of competitive businesses, capable of securing and implementing with excellence, business opportunities related to the Victor Diamond Mine and beyond.



The ARI Joint Venture Companies

Orica Canada Inc. is a joint venture partner which supplies explosives and blasting services to the Victor mine.

Heli - Transport Inc. is a joint venture between Helicopter Transport Services (Canada) Inc. and ARI and provides helicopter services to the Victor mine.

ACMS is a joint venture with CMS Mechanical of Timmins, ON. This company has received contracts from the Victor mine for steel fabrication projects.

Toromont is a joint venture partner supplying mechanical warranty services for the heavy equipment purchased by DeBeers Canada for the Victor mine.

Foraco is a joint venture partner which provides drilling services to DeBeers Canada at the Victor mine site.

Attawapiskat Catering Limited

Partnership is 100% First Nation-owned and operated, partnered with the forward-looking Outland Camps organization to provide camp and catering services at the DeBeers Victor Mine.

SecureCheck is a joint venture partner which has supplied security services at the DeBeers Victor mine.

Belterra is a joint venture partner which provides heavy duty belt systems to the Victor mine.

United Supply is a joint venture partner which provides consumable supplies to the Victor Mine.

Attawapiskat Resources Inc. Objectives

•**Establish** businesses capable of meeting De Beers Canada's quality, timing and pricing requirements.

•**Seek out** industry leaders as joint-venture partners and negotiate appropriate business structures and commercial agreements.

•**Secure** contracts related to the Victor Diamond Mine through the IBA Open Book Process and other appropriate means.

•**Provide** employment opportunities to Attawapiskat First Nation members (on and off reserve) through ARI businesses.

•**Provide** sub-contracting opportunities for private Attawapiskat businesses.

•**Design** and carry out economic development initiatives in such a way as to minimize impact on the Attawapiskat community, culture and membership.

•**Participate** in such other ventures, opportunities or initiatives in order to diversify ARI business activities.

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