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Premier issues statement regarding recent layoffs at Minto Mine

WHITEHORSE—After hearing news of the latest Pelly Construction layoffs at the Minto Mine due to the temporary closure, Premier Darrell Pasloski released the following statement:

"Our hearts go out to the men and women affected by these layoffs. Pelly Construction is an important part of our community and I have no doubt that they handed out these notices with a heavy heart.

"As premier, and as a father with a son working in the resource sector, I understand how difficult these circumstances are and I am thinking about every one of the affected employees and their families.

"Pelly Construction has been working at Minto Mine, providing Selkirk First Nation members and Yukoners from across the territory with meaningful employment, for approximately 20 years. As premier, I am grateful that, despite low commodity prices, Capstone and Pelly Construction have worked to continue production as long as it was feasible, and that milling and underground mining will continue as long as possible.

"Along with other Yukoners, we look forward to increased activity at the Minto Mine in the near future under appropriate conditions. Knowing that the mine has resources to extend its life into 2022 with economically viable commodity prices, this news drives home the point that now, more than ever, we need to stand up for and defend the resource sector and the families who are supported by these vital jobs."

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