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Government of Yukon approves new open pit at Minto mine

The Yukon government approved an amendment to Minto Exploration Ltd.'s mining plan and issued an amended quartz mining licence on December 13, 2016.

The amendment means the company can begin work on a new open pit at the Minto mine near Pelly Crossing. The new pit should allow the mine to continue operating through 2017.

The activities associated with the licence amendment were assessed by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board in 2014.

Quotes

"Minto is Yukon's only operating hard rock mine and we are pleased to see they are moving forward with plans to continue mining in 2017. Minto employs many Yukoners and contributes to the well-being of the nearby communities."

"Yukon's major mines create jobs that benefit Yukon families and help grow Yukon's economy. I support the department's decision to amend the mine licence, thereby extending the Minto mine life."

—Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Ranj Pillai

Quick facts

- Minto Exploration Ltd. has produced copper, gold and silver from the Minto mine since July 2007.
- Minto Exploration Ltd. applied for a quartz mining licence amendment on October 7, 2016 to authorize mining of the Area 2 Stage 3 open pit at the Minto Mine.
- The ore at Minto has a copper concentration three to five times higher than average copper deposits in Western North America.

Learn more: Minto Major Mine Licence

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