

Improving Canada's Mining Industry



You have just been appointed as an advisor the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. You must focus on ensuring that the mining industry is healthy, that new jobs are created, and that the environmental impacts of mining are limited. Rank the suggestions below in order of importance, 1 being most important and 10 being least important.

- ___ Environmental controls on mining should continue to improve.
- ___ Restrictions on mining companies in Canada should still allow these companies to compete internationally.
- ___ Canadian companies should adjust to international competition and pricing.
- ___ Canadian governments should continue to provide substantial financial assistance to the mining industry.
- ___ The land claims of the First Nations should be considered in deciding when and how mineral deposits will be developed.
- ___ Canadian mining companies should develop new technologies that will make their operations more efficient.
- ___ Companies should continue to explore for new deposits in all areas of Canada including undersea locations.
- ___ More of the processing and manufacturing of Canadian minerals should take place in this country.
- ___ Research and development of new uses for minerals should be intensified.
- ___ We should try to adjust to the boom and bust nature of a mining based economy more efficiently.