

INITIATIVES SUPPORTING MBR's FEBRUARY 2020 MANDATE LETTER PRIORITIES, AS OF APRIL 2020

<u>Mandate Letter Commitment</u>	<u>Initiatives</u>
<p><u>COMMITMENT # 5:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with the Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness (JEDC) to further connect the technology and innovation sector with the mining, energy and petroleum sectors and showcase made-in-B.C. technologies that are contributing to industrial competitiveness or helping to reduce GHG emissions. 	<p><u>Electricity and Alternative Energy (EAED)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CORE Clean Tech Cluster initiative With JEDC ICE Fund is supporting Foresight Cleantech Accelerator conducting a research and stakeholder engagement project as the first steps toward developing a cleantech-focused cluster to accelerate the cleantech industry in British Columbia, City of Victoria Economic Plan 3.0 / Ocean Futures Initiative ICE Fund is collaborating with JEDC in responding to City of Victoria Economic Plan 3.0 / Ocean Futures Initiative Clean Growth Hub ICE Fund is participating with JEDC in the Fed / Prov regional Clean Growth Hub initiative to work more closely together in collaboration to help grow BC's clean tech sector. Patent Collective / BC Clean Tech ICE Fund is participating with JEDC to respond to the federal intellectual property (IP) strategy and the launch by federal departments ISED and NRCan the Patent Collective Patent.
<p><i>Commitment #5 continued</i></p>	<p><u>Mines, Competitiveness and Authorizations (MCAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a BC Mining Innovation Roadmap as recommended by the BC Mining Jobs Task Force (MJTF). Development of the Roadmap included input from industry, Indigenous communities, government, and academia. The final Roadmap report is expected in Spring.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration between EMPR and JEDC with respect to developing an international investment strategy for BC's mining and mineral exploration sector. • Current status is gap analysis and gathering of market research with European investment.
<i>Commitment #5 continued</i>	<p><u>Oil and Gas Division (OGD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation as a Board Member of the Workforce Development Advisory Group whose membership includes representatives from industry, organized labour, Indigenous groups, and provincial government (LBR, JEDC, ITA, AEST, IRR, EMPR). •
<i>Commitment #5 continued</i>	<p><u>Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division (SIAD)</u></p> <p>Together with counterparties in Washington State, EMPR is working with the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Climate Action Secretariat and JEDC to advance the Clean Grid Initiative, meant to collaborate on advancing the innovation economy, environmental protection, and transportation connectivity, and expand affordable, clean electricity interconnections. In October 2020, the leaders of Washington State and B.C. will share recommendations for how the region can best work together to achieve the goals of the plan.</p>
<p><u>COMMITMENT # 7:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that your ministry makes timely progress on the implementation of the <i>Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>, both in identifying priority legislative areas for inclusion in the action plan, and in ensuring that future ministry actions are consistent with the principles set out in the <i>Act</i>. 	<p><u>Mines, Competitiveness and Authorizations (MCAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the MJTF, EMPR contracted a study to review past and present Indigenous mine training programs to inform future policy development • Developing a Placer Mining Strategy, which included direct engagement with Indigenous representatives, a follow-up What we Heard Report, and a development of a Placer Discussion Paper which will be released in 2020. • EMPR held four engagement sessions with Indigenous representatives that focused on proposed changes to <i>Mineral</i>

	<p><i>Tenure Act</i> and also summarized proposed changes to the <i>Mines Act</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMPR developed two What we Heard Reports from these sessions. • Collaboration between EMPR, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) regarding changes to how minerals on reserve are treated through the <i>Indian Reserves Mineral Resources Act</i> • Collaboration between EMPR and FLNRO with respect to the inclusion of mining in land use planning, including the development of internal EMPR policy to support land use zonation and land use direction specific to the mining regulatory system. • Preliminary initiation of Mines Permitting Pilot in the Northwest focused on identifying efficiencies and incorporating enhanced shared decision-making with Indigenous Nations with respect to the permitting process. • Under the Regulatory Excellence in Mining initiative, EMPR is working directly with Indigenous Nations in three key 'pilot' areas of the province to achieve shared economic and reconciliation objectives related to mining.
Commitment #7 continued	<p><u>Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division (MHSED)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing representation on the Standing Code Review Committee and initiation of a Code Review sub-committee to contemplate how UNDRIP applies to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC. • Ongoing engagement in the Mine Audit and Effectiveness Unit planning process
Commitment #7 continued	<p><u>Oil and Gas Division (OGD)</u> s.12; s.13; s.16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-leading the northeast Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Treaty Land Entitlement Claims in northeast BC. • Supporting the modernized land use planning process in northeast BC.
<i>Commitment #7 continued</i>	<p><u>Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division (SIAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMPR has formed a cross-Ministry Reconciliation Team to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Work with AG to ensure any EMPR legislative amendments for 2020 are consistent with DRIPA. (ii) Develop a complete picture of initiatives the EMPR is involved in that support Reconciliation (eg. ESI, Revenue Sharing, CRA) (iii) Develop a Cultural Understanding Learning Program for MEMPR. (iv) Coordinate with other NRS ministries in this work. • EMPR is working with MIRR to ensure our actions align with and support the Action Plan being developed by MIRR and the FNLC. • EMPR is in early communication with the FNEMC on an engagement approach to support development of a Reconciliation Plan. <p>EMPR is working with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR) and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to assist in the Modernized Land Use Planning initiative by providing strategic and operational support. The initiative is to include a G2G approach with First Nations in the chosen planning areas. This ensures that participating First Nations have an active role in managing the land within their traditional territories.</p>
<u>COMMITMENT # 8:</u>	<p><u>Mines, Competitiveness and Authorizations (MCAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with your Cabinet colleagues and the business community on an • The BC Responsible Minerals + Metals Summit will build awareness and support

<p>international brand strategy that capitalizes on the low carbon footprint of B.C.'s products and services, including natural resources, clean technology and value-added goods, demonstrating how sourcing B.C. products is both climate-positive and cost competitive.</p>	<p>for responsible market standards and systems in BC. Originally scheduled to take place on March 26, 2020, this summit has been postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis and is anticipated to take place later in the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMPR is reviewing responsible metals sourcing programs to potentially align with and seeking ways to highlight CleanBC initiatives and BC's low carbon economy. • EMPR is organizing an internal workshop to align and find synergies between ESG, LNG, Digital Identity and Responsible Mining initiatives.
<p><i>Commitment #8 continued</i></p>	<p><u>Oil and Gas Division (OGD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG pilot for the oil and gas sector. • Work with ENV on quantification of global emissions benefits of BC LNG exports. • Continue participation in domestic and international conferences to establish awareness of the benefits of BC gas.
<p><i>Commitment #8 continued</i></p>	<p><u>Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division (SIAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Social Governance (ESG) investing could highlight the progressive policies in place in the province. EMPR is exploring governments role in this space by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Working with financial institutions and natural gas companies to better understand how ESG data collected by the BC Government could be used (ii) Collaborating with other provinces and the federal government (iii) Information sharing with other B.C. ministries doing similar work (ENV, FIN, JEDC, MIRR) (iv) Working with CITZ to conceptualize if blockchain product(s) would be of value (v) Hosting a "Responsible Metals Forum" to explore market trends, new market opportunities, emerging responsible standards and their place

	<p>in the future of the minerals and metals sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through participation in international investment conferences, the B.C. Regional Mining Alliance (BCRMA) plays a key role in enhancing B.C.'s global competitiveness by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Promoting B.C.'s world class geology, collaborative and experienced people and companies, and successful operating mines (ii) Dispelling myths about B.C.'s business climate and investing in projects within Indigenous territories (iii) Generating interest in and awareness of B.C. among investors by highlighting the positive leadership role Indigenous governments play in the exploration and extractive sectors (iv) Building meaningful and productive relationships between strategic partners and key external players • Ion Brand Design is leading a BCRMA rebranding exercise, the deliverables of which will include a brand narrative, logo, website, marketing collateral and messaging to align with provincial policy priorities. • EMPR is collaborating with JEDC's International Trade Division to develop an international engagement framework to attract and enable investment into B.C.'s mining sector. This work will involve identifying priority markets and emerging opportunities in the clean and ethical economies, particularly as ESG factors become a prerequisite for metals buyers, consumers and investors.
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