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XPLOR 2015 : THE QUEBEC MINING INDUSTRY'S GENERAL CONVENTION IN MONTREAL
CELEBRATING QMEA'S 40 YEARS OF EXISTENCE.

MONTREAL, October 7th, 2015 - The Quebec Mineral Exploration Association (QMEA) launches its annual convention today, bringing together the many actors who contribute to the development of the mining industry in Quebec. On the 7th and 8th of October, over 1500 visitors and representatives will be present at Place Bonaventure to take part in Xplor, making it one of the largest conventions of its kind in Quebec. The Association will also promote the fact that for 40 years, it has defended the interests of its members and the industry as a whole.

This year, Xplor is expressly encouraging investors to attend. Valérie Fillion, executive director of the QMEA, stresses that networking between mining sector companies and potential investors is crucial. "This year we're opening the doors of Xplor to investors. And so we're honoured that Louis Vachon, president and chief executive officer of National Bank, has accepted to function as Honorary President. Through this collaboration, the Association is sending a clear message to investors. They will be welcomed warmly on the floor of the convention centre on Thursday, October 8th."

Explore. Discover. Learn.

This year the QMEA will host nearly 180 businesses from the Quebec, Canadian and International mining sector. Under the banner : "Explore. Discover. Learn.", Xplor will promote networking and business development opportunities. The event represents an excellent chance to learn about and discuss important issues facing the mining industry today. The Association has also put in place a high-level conference programme that aims to respond to the needs of its members and participants. Many figures from the industry will be present, notably Robert Sauvé (Plan Nord Society), Dr. Ted Moses (Secretariat to the Cree Nation Economic Alliance) and Brian A. Coates (Osisko Gold Royalties). Honorary President Louis Vachon will give a speech as part of a dinner-conference that will address the mining industry's place in the Quebec of the 21st century. Also on the agenda is the Reconnaissance Gala (Awards Evening), emphasizing the accomplishments and positive contributions of QMEA members who have distinguished themselves over the course of the year.

About the Quebec Mineral Exploration Association (QMEA)

The QMEA is a professional and industrial association representing actors within Quebec's mineral exploration sector. Founded in 1975, the Association's mission is to promote durable and responsible mineral exploration and its net benefit to Quebec's economy. The Association consists of 2500 individual members and more than 325 corporate members from across the mining sector.

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