

Dear fellow members of Canada's exploration sector,

I am reaching out to you today to invite you to participate in a research survey that will capture your knowledge, experience and insight on Canada's exploration sector. As someone who works in mineral exploration, or employs people who work in mineral exploration, your participation is critical to this research.

In close consultation and collaboration with PDAC and exploration stakeholder groups, the Mining Industry Human Resources Council has developed a *Canadian Mineral Exploration Labour Market Survey* – to help us identify the HR and labour market issues facing the exploration sector and stimulate a proactive approach to addressing its challenges. This research will build on the findings from the 2011 report, [\*Unearthing Possibilities: Human Resources Challenges and Opportunities in the Canadian Mineral Exploration Sector\*](#), also conducted in partnership with PDAC and under the guidance of a national multi-stakeholder steering committee.

Unlike other segments of the mining sector, there is not a specific industry classification for the exploration sector, nor is there a specific collection of occupations that define the exploration sector. By creating a robust primary research tool - a survey of individuals and firms working in exploration - we will be able to fill a gap in our labour market forecasting and information capabilities, allowing a more refined and accurate reflection of the labour market realities and challenges facing mineral exploration in Canada.

The results from this survey will directly contribute to a report outlining the mineral exploration labour market and a national understanding of the mining sector labour market that is inclusive of exploration.

**If you work in mineral exploration, or employ people who work in mineral exploration, please click on the link and have your say!**

**[www.explorationsurvey2017.ca](http://www.explorationsurvey2017.ca)**

Sincerely,



Ryan Montpellier