



## **Government Resource Revenue Sharing with Aboriginal Peoples**

### **Background:**

Canadian exploration and mining companies conduct their work in the vicinity of aboriginal communities. Statistics Canada has revealed that there are 1,200 Aboriginal communities located within 200 km of producing mines and 2,100 exploration properties across Canada.

Mineral exploration and mining companies need skilled workers to conduct their business. Remote aboriginal communities represent an untapped potential source of human resources. In particular, the industry can provide skills development and advanced education opportunities for aboriginal youth.

### **Benefits:**

PDAC believes that greater participation by aboriginal peoples in the mineral industry in Canada will promote greater understanding and co-operation between aboriginal communities and mineral exploration and mining companies.

The PDAC believes that if governments shared a portion of revenues, derived from natural resource extraction, with aboriginal peoples, these revenues would;

- provide economic benefits to aboriginal communities;
- form a basis for aboriginal communities to build towards economic self-sufficiency;
- facilitate direct participation in the mineral industry by aboriginal peoples; and,
- encourage exploration on aboriginal traditional lands.

PDAC recognizes that there are various forms of partnerships, memoranda of understanding, impact and benefit agreements, and resource revenue sharing arrangements involving aboriginal peoples, the mineral industry and governments in Canada. These agreements contribute towards positive community relations, a favourable investment climate and development of sustainable communities. Government resource revenue sharing can advance these objectives and improve the competitiveness of Canada's mineral industry.

### **Approach:**

PDAC will advocate for resource revenue sharing by government with aboriginal peoples related to mineral development projects on aboriginal traditional lands across Canada.

PDAC will work with government, aboriginal and industry organizations on research initiatives to analyze existing resource revenue sharing formulas and to develop models that can be implemented in jurisdictions where resource revenue arrangements are not already in place.