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## **Assignment: Mining Impacts with Yukon First Nations**

### **Background:**

In the Yukon, many First Nations groups have partnered with exploration companies and developers when it comes to mining and exploration in the territory. Current examples include; the Prophecy Platinum Corp and Kluane First Nation cooperation and benefits agreement; Victoria Gold Corp and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun comprehensive cooperation and benefits agreement; Strategic Metals and the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations mineral exploration agreement

Many of these new partnerships are reflected in socio-economic agreements designed to foster more local advantages for First Nations and benefit the mining company. Some of the elements in these agreements include specialized training, scholarships, contracting opportunities, environmental monitoring and other development situations that benefit the mining company, the First Nation, the local community and the Yukon as a whole.

Native corporations have already been eager to assist in the construction and supply of existing mining operations and promising exploration programs on a competitive basis. Recognition and protection of traditional native lifestyles, employment and training opportunities and equity participation, such as stock options, are some of the elements discussed in these negotiations.

### **Task:**

In this assignment, you will be required to find two different news articles that describe a partnership, agreement, or general impact that mining in the Yukon has had on First Nations in the territory. You must list the title of the news article, the news agency that reported it, the date the article was published, and prepare a 1 – 2 paragraph summary of the articles. Lastly, you will include a 1 paragraph description of how the First **Nation** group mentioned in the article is being impacted and your opinion on whether you believe this to be a positive or negative impact.

This assignment should be prepared on a separate sheet of paper, and is due to be submitted no later than Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grading:**

You will be scored based on:

- The proficiency, detail and accuracy of your two article summaries
- The relevance of the articles you've selected to Yukon First Nations
- The detail and evidence provided to support your opinion paragraph surrounding how the First Nation is being impacted