

Yukon Mine Training Association

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YUKON MINE TRAINING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES TRAINING PILOT PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE: The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is pleased to announce the recent training trust fund transfer of \$184,000 approved by the Yukon Chamber of Mines and the Yukon Mining and Exploration Training Trust Fund Board. This funding, now managed under the Yukon Mine Training Association has helped make possible the first round of Training Fund approvals under this new organization.

The first projects approved by the YMTA are:

- Jacobs Industries for \$12,848.42 to deliver a Marine Emergency Duty workshop to certify six Yukoners to meet Transport Canada guidelines for the operation of the river boat and barge access to the Minto Mine site;
- Sherwood Copper Ltd. for \$28,900 to develop an entry-level mill training program to enhance opportunities for sixteen Selkirk First Nation and other Yukoners to gain and retain full-time long-term employment at the Minto Mine;
- Ross River Dena Council for \$17,620 to provide twelve youth with environmental studies and monitoring in partnership with Pacifica Resources, Yukon Zinc, North American Tungsten and any other Yukon businesses and organizations;
- Ryanwood Explorations Inc. for \$11,927 for Exploration Safety Awareness and Geology Fieldwork Training for twelve people.

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining industry and First Nations. We are committed to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the mining sector in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners. The YMTA is managing the Mine Training Fund presenting a multi-level program designed to increase the profile of employment and opportunities in the mining sector, assist in attraction and retention in the work force and facilitate the delivery of targeted skills and training programs in the mining industry in the midst of an expanding sector in the Yukon. The YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered, meeting industry standards.

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