



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF CANADA AND
THE MINISTRY OF MINING OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE
REGARDING COOPERATION ON CRITICAL MINERALS
AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MINERALS AND METALS**

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE OF CANADA (NRCAN) AND THE MINISTRY OF MINING OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE, hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Participants”;

RECOGNIZING the mutual benefit of enhancing their relationship and taking into account the Canada-Chile Strategic Partnership Framework, signed at Ottawa on 30 May 2013 and the modernized Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement, signed at Ottawa on 5 June 2017;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Canada and Chile are resourced-based nations that derive substantial socioeconomic benefits from the sustainable development of their respective minerals and metals sectors and related industries;

UNDERSTANDING the importance of strengthening the role of mining as a driver of development of local communities;

COMMITTING to promoting the local socioeconomic benefit from the entire value chain of mining activity;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to sustainable development in the implementation of minerals and metals policies, science, and technology taking into account changing economic, social and environmental considerations such as climate change, and the need for a global energy transition and secure supply chains;

REALIZING the importance of a global economy and enhanced investment, trade and market access opportunities for minerals and metals and mining-related services and equipment;

CONSIDERING the strategic importance of developing common approaches in international fora to promote market access, secure and resilient supply chains, and the sustainable development of minerals and metals to bring the socioeconomic benefit to their people;

RECOGNIZING that securing responsible critical mineral value chains is expected to be integral to the success of each countries' energy transition and future global competitiveness;

NOTING that by acting together, individual national interests may be addressed while achieving shared and interconnected goals of socioeconomic prosperity, energy and critical minerals security, and environmental responsibility and sustainability;

GUIDED by a mutual desire to promote responsible development of critical minerals; protect the environment; and encourage responsible investment and economic development in the entire value chain in their countries' respective mining sectors,

SHARING an interest in expanding their critical minerals collaboration, and desiring to work together regionally and globally;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to promote cooperation between the Participants, through *inter alia*, information and knowledge sharing, official-level discussions and collaboration on projects of mutual interest.

2. SCOPE OF THE MOU

(a) The Participants will carry out cooperative activities for the mutual benefit and support of both countries in the promotion of the sustainable development of their respective minerals and metals sectors and related industries, and the security of critical minerals value chains.

(b) The Participants will cooperate in the following areas of mutual interest:

- (i) The exchange of experiences and knowledge through bilateral and multilateral fora such as, *inter alia*, the Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference (CAMMA);
- (ii) The exchange of information, knowledge and experiences to foster the resilient supply chain of critical minerals, and the sustainable development of minerals and metals, including: their respective national laws, regulations and policies governing the management of minerals and metals resources;
- (iii) Facilitating contact and collaboration among and between government organizations, industry leaders and associations, academics, scientific research organizations, non-governmental organizations, labour organizations, Indigenous peoples and communities of Canada and Chile, with the intent to establish public-private, industry,

- mining and innovation clusters, and inter-governmental collaboration, and study mining-related issues of mutual interest;
- (iv) Exchange experiences in public policies and regulations that allow the value chain to be enhanced at the local level to foster benefit sharing to communities;
 - (v) Sharing knowledge and exploring options for enhancing cooperation in areas of critical mineral development, supply chain resiliency, and innovation;
 - (vi) The promotion of activities to foster trade and knowledge sharing of clean mining technologies and innovative solutions for mining activity;
 - (vii) The promotion of bilateral trade and investment in their respective mining sectors, including in minerals and metals necessary to meet global demand for emerging clean energy technologies to contribute to the global energy transition; and
 - (viii) Other areas of mutual interest they may jointly decide upon.
- (c) The Participants may conduct these cooperative activities in collaboration with industry, academia and other stakeholder groups, and public-private initiatives.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

The Participants will ensure that their communications related to cooperative activities are made through their appointed officials.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

The Participants understand that this MOU does not require them to disclose to one another, or to a third party, any confidential information that is proprietary to them or to third parties, unless required by their respective national law or by competent authorities in their respective country.

5. WORK PROGRAM AND MEETINGS

- (a) In order to plan and implement their cooperative activities, the Participants will jointly develop annual work plans, including objectives, deliverables, expected outcomes, and time frames.
- (b) The Participants will meet annually to review progress and to define elements of future work programs in-person or by electronic methods of communication.

6. COSTS

- (a) The Participants understand that completion of activities under this MOU is subject to the availability of their respective resources.

- (b) The Participants will each pay for the costs they respectively incur in carrying out cooperative activities under this MOU, unless they jointly decide otherwise in writing.

7. STATUS

This MOU is not legally binding.

8. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

- (a) This MOU will come into effect on the date of its last signature by the Participants of the English language version, and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. The Participants may renew it upon their mutual written consent.
- (b) The Participants may amend this MOU upon their mutual written consent.
- (c) Either Participant may terminate this MOU by providing six (6) months written notice to the other Participant.
- (d) The Participants understand that termination of this MOU will not affect the activities in progress unless they jointly decide otherwise in writing.

Signed in duplicate at Trent, on this 05 day of March 2024, in the English language. The Participants will also sign a French and Spanish language version of this MOU within 120 days, each version being equally valid.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES OF CANADA

FOR THE MINISTRY OF MINING OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHILE

