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### **PROMPT PAYMENT BECOMES LAW IN ONTARIO**

Northern Ontario Business – Dec 6

Bill 142, otherwise known as the Construction Lien Amendment Act, passed unanimously at Queen's Park, Dec. 5. It's considered a major victory for more than 400,000 contractors and tradespeople in Ontario in resolving payment delays which have been the industry's largest barrier to growth.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/design-build/prompt-payment-becomes-law-in-ontario-784539>

### **NORONT FACILITY IN TIMMINS COULD MAKE ONR VIABLE, SAYS COUNCILLOR**

Timmins Press – Dec 8

NEOMA is supporting Timmins' bid for the new Noront production facility, with one city councillor saying a successful bid could have big impacts across the region. "Quite frankly, the government of Ontario should be very interested in supporting this route, simply because they subsidize the ONR. My take is, this project, if the ONR were to be delivering the ore, it would pay for itself with a profit," said Bamford.

<http://www.timminspress.com/2017/12/08/noront-facility-in-timmins-could-make-onr-viable-says-councillor>

### **CHINESE MINING BODY ALIGNS WITH ICMM TO PROMOTE MINING WITH PRINCIPLES**

ICMM Website – Dec 8

The International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals and Chemical Importers and Exporters (CCCMC) announced today that they have entered into a formal agreement to help promote sustainable development in Chinese companies' overseas mining investments. Chinese overseas mining investments are a relatively new phenomenon and Chinese mining companies are often newcomers in the economies of resource-rich countries. They are, however, increasingly becoming the most significant investor in many countries and this is likely to continue.

<http://www.icmm.com/en-gb/news/2017/icmm-signs-mou-with-ccmc>

### **INUIT SEEK FULL MANAGEMENT OF TALLURUTIUP IMANGA, CANADA'S LARGEST PROTECTED AREA**

Toronto Star – Dec 8

"What we're envisioning is for Inuit to fully manage and control the conservation area," said Sandra Inutiq, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's chief negotiator for the Tallurutiup Imanga Inuit impact and benefit agreement. "We're the ones living there, we're the ones that have the knowledge of the land and the waters and we're the ones that will continue to be there," said Inutiq, who was in Toronto last week for the Canada's Oceans: Towards 2020 conference at the Royal Ontario Museum.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/11/28/inuit-seek-full-management-of-tallurutiup-imanga-canadas-largest-protected-area.html>

### **STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: TARGETING LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION TO IMPROVE PROSPERITY IN ONTARIO**

Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity - Dec 11

In its 16th Annual Report, Strength in numbers: Targeting labour force participation to improve prosperity in Ontario, the Institute analyzes Ontario's GDP per capita compared to ten similar peer jurisdictions (Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, the Netherlands, Tennessee, Sweden, Michigan, Australia, British Columbia, and Québec) and analyzes the labour force participation rate of youth, women, older workers, and Indigenous Peoples in Ontario. Indigenous Peoples have drastically lower participation rates and outcomes than their non-Indigenous counterparts. Despite their relatively small

population size compared to the other three groups selected, reconciliation and improving Indigenous labour force outcomes is of importance to Ontario's Panel on Economic Growth and Prosperity.

<https://www.competeprosper.ca/work/annual-reports/strength-in-numbers-labour-force-participation-prosperity-Ontario>

**NORONT 2018 – SUPERIOR MORNING (AUDIO)**

CBC Radio – Dec 11

Project update: Noront Resources CEO looks ahead to progress in Ring of Fire development for 2018.

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1113863747712>