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Greenstone Gold Mines' (GGM) management and staff would like to wish you and your family a very happy new year! GGM finished 2019 off with the submission of several environmental permits and the conclusion of a significant permitting milestone with the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. (ENDM)

GGM submitted the final Mine Production Closure Plan to the ENDM and received confirmation of filing on January 9, 2020. The approval of the Closure Plan represents a significant milestone for the Hardrock Project as it is a critical pre-requisite for mine

construction activities. GGM also received the Release of Tree Reservation from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry allowing GGM to cut trees at the Project site, and authorization from Fisheries and Oceans Canada under section 35(2) (b) of the Fisheries Act, which is required for the construction of the Goldfield Creek diversion and Tailings Management Facility (TMF).

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GGM also submitted several other permit applications in the fourth quarter of 2019 including for water permits that would authorize the construction of the TMF and Goldfield Creek diversion.

Another significant milestone for the Project was the ratification of a Long-term Relationship Agreement between GGM and Aroland First Nation, Animiigoog Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, and Ginoogaming First Nation in early November. GGM is excited to move forward with these communities.

As always, we are interested in hearing your feedback and welcome any comments or questions you may have.



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Site Visit from Minister Greg Rickford

The Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford, visited the Project site on October 4, 2019. It was a great opportunity for Greenstone Gold to provide an update on the significant progress made on the Project to Minister Rickford. The team had a chance to spend time with the Minister and discuss the important milestones that have been achieved. This visit included a tour of the core shack, the Geraldton Tourist Information Centre and a presentation of the 3D model of the Hardrock open pit. Following the tour, discussions were held with the Minister and staff from ENDM. The Minister described government plans and expectations for development both in the Municipality of Greenstone and in Northern Ontario. Since this meeting GGM and ENDM staff have worked closely on development and acceptance of the Closure Plan for the Hardrock Project.



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GGM hosted Community Open House Meetings in Geraldton on December 2, 2019 and in Longlac at the Sportsplex on December 3, 2019. Eric Lamontange (General Manager), Steve Lines (Director of Environment and Community Relations), and Jason Rickard (Exploration Manager) gave residents and stakeholders from Greenstone an update to the Hardrock Project and the advancements made over the past year. Stakeholders and residents had the opportunity to speak during a question and answer period at the conclusion of the presentation.



● Introducing our Exploration Manager

Jason Rickard

We'd like to introduce you to our Exploration Manager, Jason Rickard who is managing GGM's new exploration team working hard to discover more gold in the Greenstone area!

Jason is a professional geologist that has been working in the mining and exploration industry for almost 20 years; exploring for commodities that ranged from gold to nickel, copper, cobalt, platinum, palladium and zinc. Jason has worked on remote exploration projects and mine sites all over Canada and internationally; including many years exploring various parts of the Canadian Arctic. He recently led the exploration group at Newmont's (formerly Goldcorp's) Borden Gold deposit in Chapleau.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys spending time with his family, skiing and watching his kids play soccer, hockey and volleyball.

If you see him around, don't hesitate to say hi!



Ongoing Community Engagement with local communities

Throughout the fourth quarter of 2019, GGM visited local communities to present at and attend Community Open House Events/ Meetings in Aroland First Nation; Ginoogaming First Nation and Long Lake #58 First Nation regarding the Hardrock Project.



Community members of Ginoogaming First Nation met to discuss Goldfield Creek Diversion on October 23, 2019.



Members of Long Lake #58 First Nation met to hear a presentation from Anisa O'Nabigon, Environmental Technician regarding the Aquatic Management and Monitoring Plan.



The GGM team participated and supported Geraldton Economic Development's Proposal Writing workshop event on October 25, 2019. In attendance were community leaders, representatives of local businesses/organizations and those interested in learning about effective proposal writing.



On December 4, 2019 Greenstone Gold Mines Community Relations team held a Christmas Open House for residents and stakeholders at the Community Relations office in Geraldton. Christmas cookies, hot apple cider and festive conversation were the order of the day.

Community ENGAGEMENT

Family Fun Skate With Us

Greenstone Gold Mines hosted our 2nd Annual Skate with Us event at the Geraldton Community Centre on November 19th with 100+ community members attending the free ice-skating event. The following evening November 20th the first GGM Skate with Us event was held in Longlac at the Sportsplex with 45 community members attending.

Our younger community members and kids of all ages were eagerly anticipating the arrival GGM's own Pepper the Penguin, who is always an exciting part of the evening's festivities for them.

The photo booth had young and old alike playing dress up and having their souvenir photo taken.



Check out the
Skate with Us
video on the
GGM website!



After working up an appetite on the ice everyone was ready for some tasty chili and bannock which sure hit the spot. The hot chocolate station was once again a huge hit with yummy whipped cream, scrumptious sprinkles and candy sticks, everyone had fun creating their own hot chocolate drink.



GGM's Exploration Manager Jason Rickard awarded a Gift Card to Door prize winner's at both the Geraldton and Longlac events.



Safety Share Snow Removal

As winter is in full swing, the chore of shoveling comes along with it. Due to the amount of physical activity involved with snow removal, it's important to consider the health risks involved before starting. There are some tips you should consider to protect yourself from hazards, including cold exposure and physical exertion.

SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE :

Preparation

- Drink Plenty of water, avoid caffeine, alcohol and smoking
- Dress in layers and anti-slip boots
- Stretch before & after strenuous activity
- Use the right shovel for the job (ergonomic shovels are available)
- Never use a "scoop" for shovelling



Snow Removal

- Remove snow as it accumulates if you expect a heavy snowfall
- Keep load close to your body and lift with your legs keeping your back straight
- Walk to where you want to dump the snow
- Don't twist-turn feet in the direction of snow
- Push heavy snow to dumping area
- Take frequent breaks and drink warm non-alcoholic fluids

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The Community Relations office serves as a key location for community stakeholders to meet with the Community Relations team, receive updates and discuss issues of interest on the project.

Drop by and visit us. Your comments are important to us!

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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