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**Subject:** Submission Regarding EA0809-002 Cdn Zinc's Prairie Creek Mine

Mr. Christensen,

Attached you will find a presentation submitted by the NWT Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our member organization, the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce. The Fort Simpson Chamber hopes that prior to any determination regarding the future of the proposed Prairie Creek Mine, the Board will consider the positive economic impacts for the Deh Cho business community related to opening this facility.

The Chamber further asked that you include this submission as part of the file and online registry related to the project. As you can see, Fort Simpson Chamber President Lionel Nadia and Past President Kirby Groat have been copied on this message.

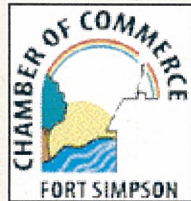
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of them via e-mail or myself here at the NWT Chamber of Commerce office.

Kind regards,

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# Expected economic benefits of Prairie Creek Mine

Presented by the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce in relation to  
Canadian Zinc's proposed Prairie Creek lead/zinc/silver mine



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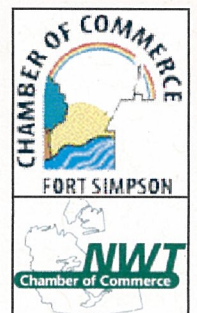


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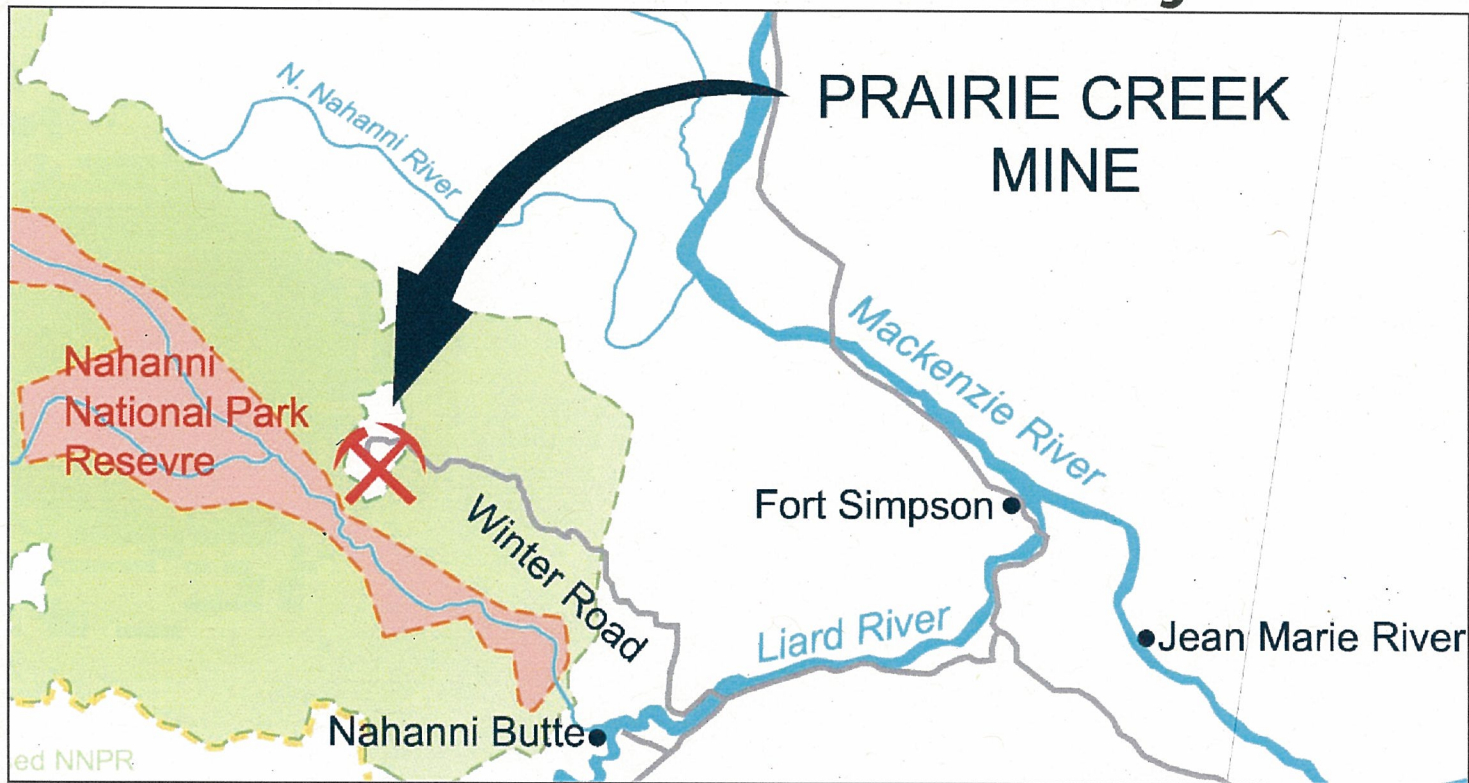


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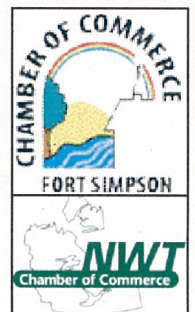
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# Prairie Creek Mine Summary

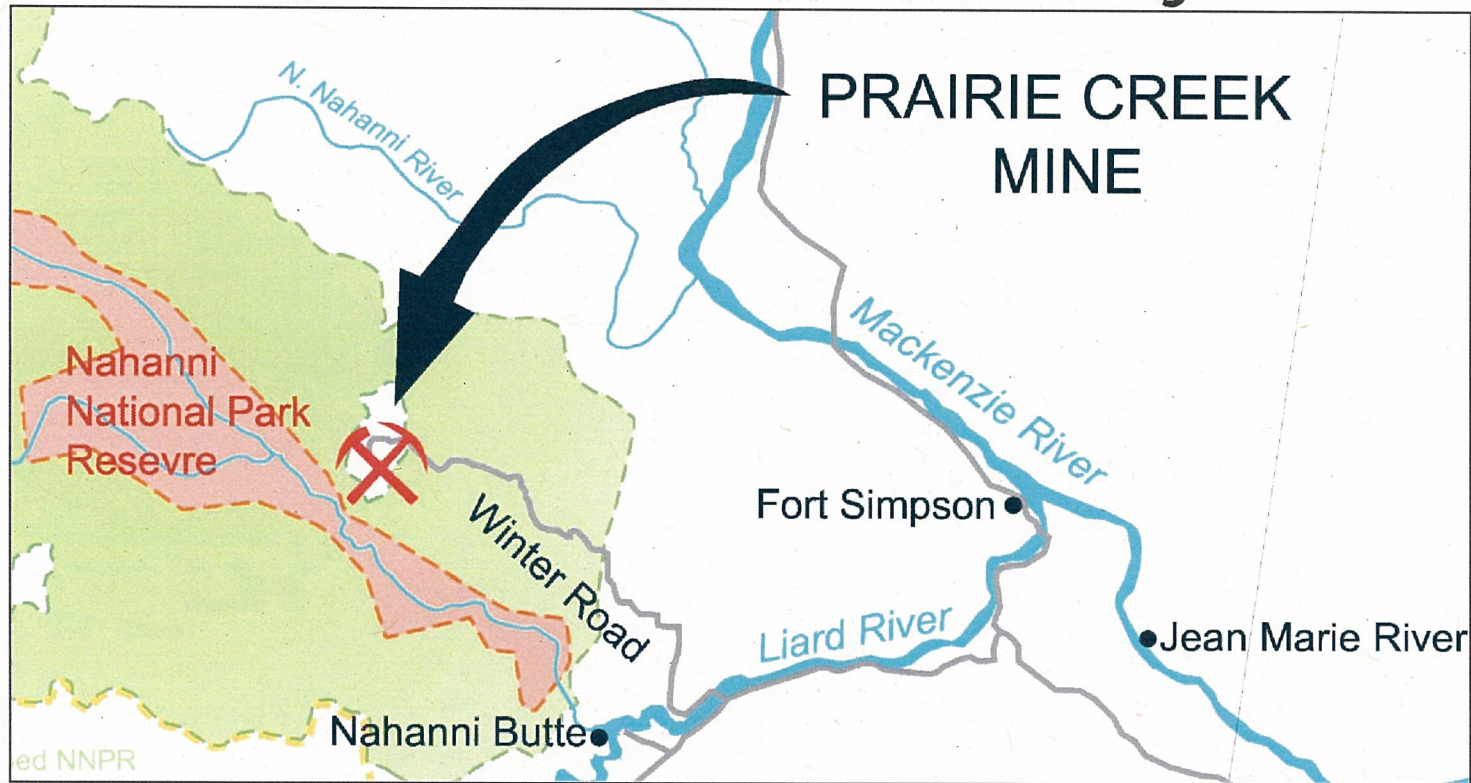


The Fort Simpson Chamber hopes the potential economic benefits of Canadian Zinc's Prairie Creek mine this project are considered prior to any regulatory decision.

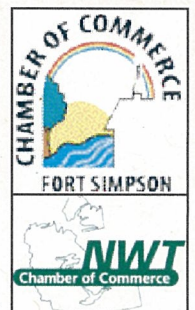




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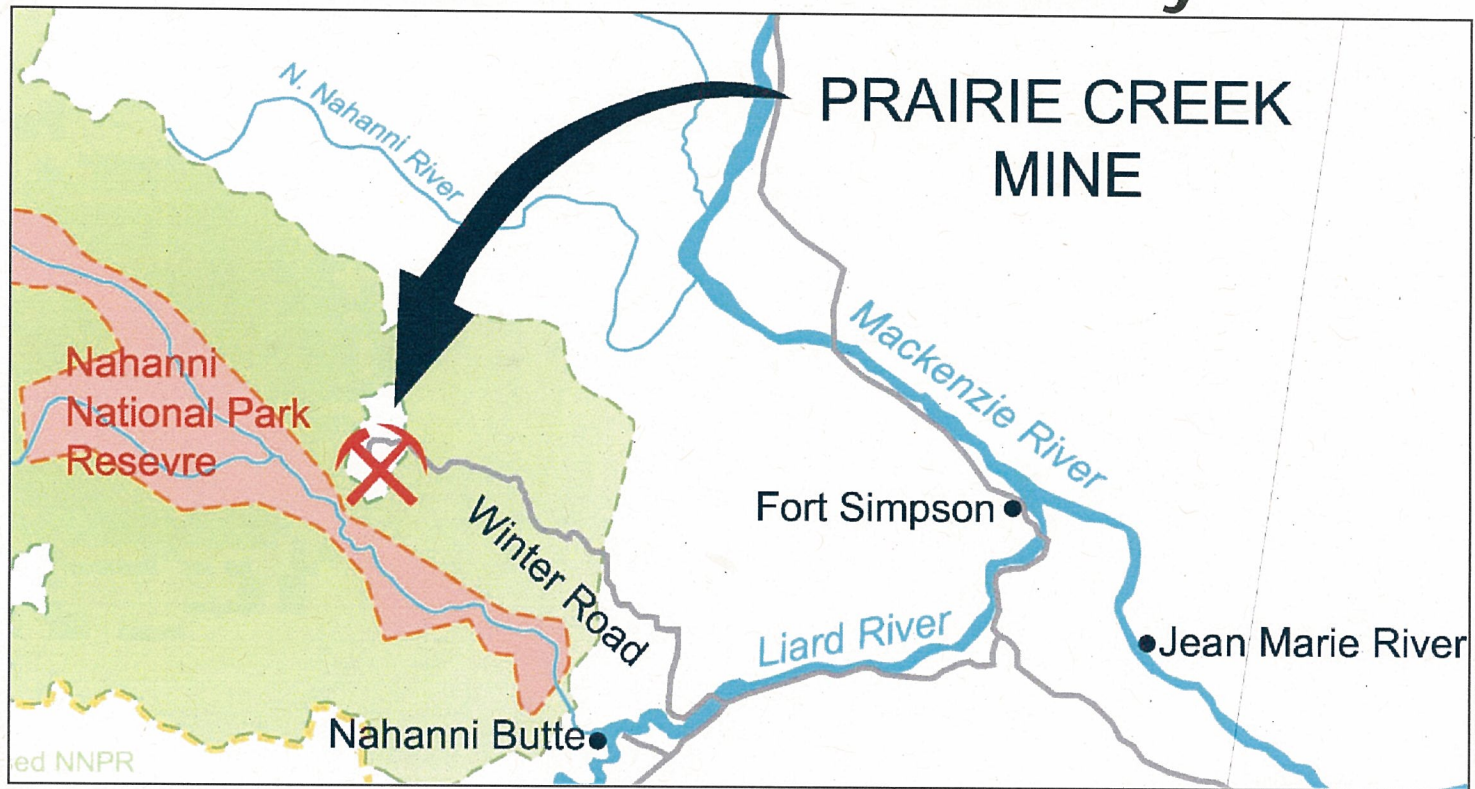


The company estimates the proposed mine, located in the Deh Cho Region, would operate for a minimum of 10 years, but that could be extended with additional exploration.

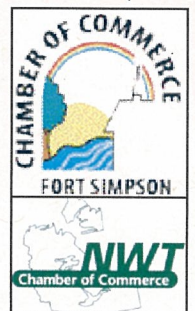




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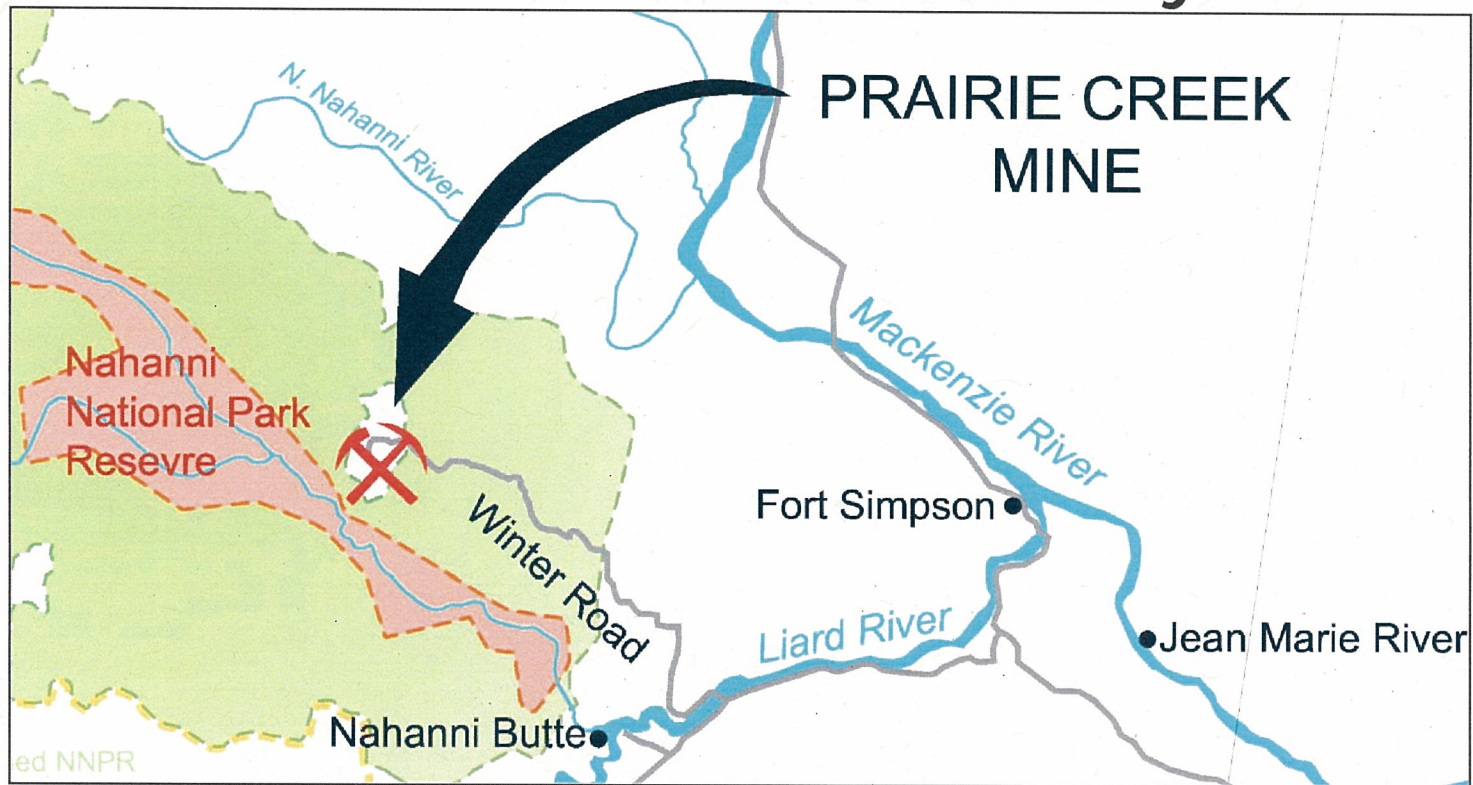


This project is expected to create 220 direct full-time jobs, of which 35% would go to Northerners.

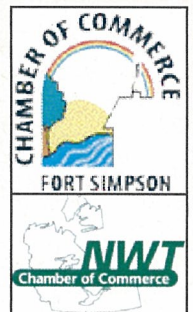




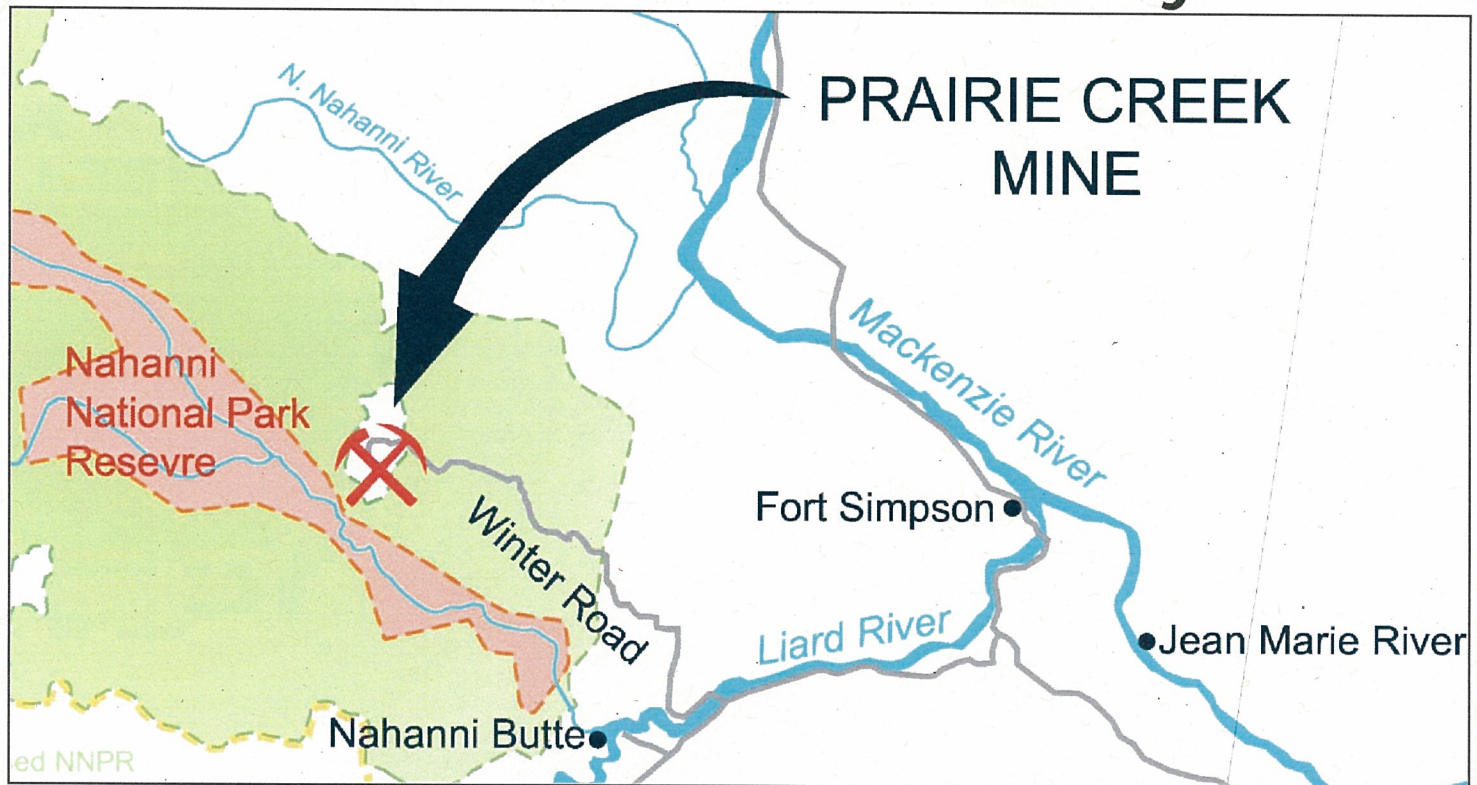
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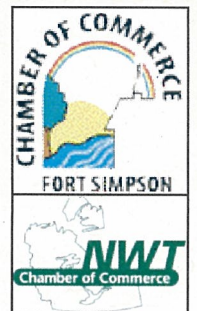
Through MOUs signed with the Liidlii Kue First Nation and the Nahanni Butte Dene Band, 15% of the workforce will be aboriginal.



# Prairie Creek Mine Summary



Between 2006 and 2007, Canadian Zinc invested a total of \$18.7 million exploring and developing the property.

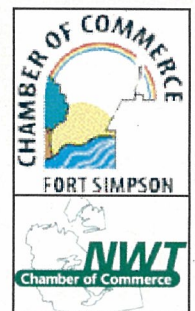




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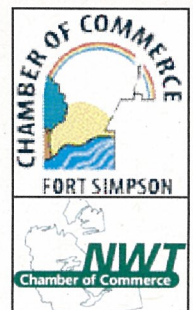
Prior to this review, the NWT Chamber of Commerce commissioned a survey in part to learn how business people think a project of this scope could impact their operations.



# Methodology

Among respondents:

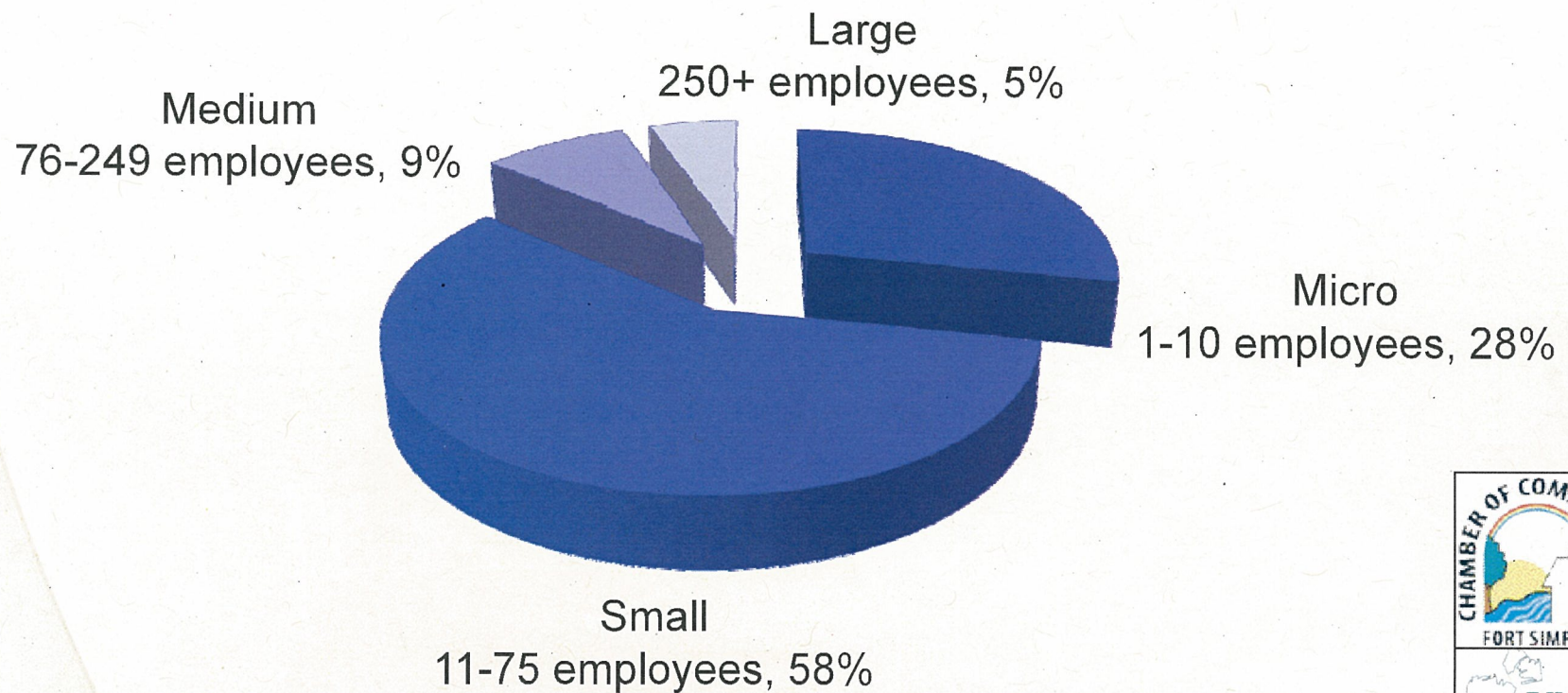
- 26 operate in the Beaufort-Delta
- 33 operate in the Sahtu
- 32 operate in the Deh Cho
- 39 operate in the North Slave
- 30 operate in the South Slave





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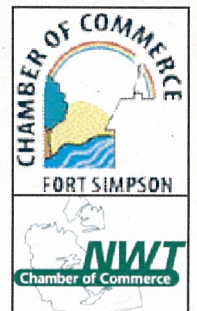
The respondent group, illustrated below, largely reflected the overall NWT business community composition, which is dominated by micro and small employers.



# The impact on micro employers

Among micro employers  
survey highlights included:

- Half said their business would grow up to 60% if they got a contract with an explorer
- 38% said their revenues and workforce would more than double with a deal with a mine
- 44% said their venture and staff would grow at least 21% simply by having a mine open in their region

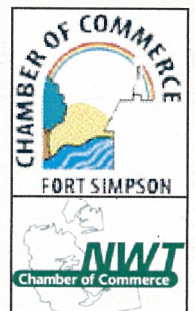




# The impact on small employers

Among small employers  
survey highlights included:

- 52% said their business would grow at least 21% if they got a contract with an explorer
- 64% said their workforce would increase a minimum of 21% if they got a deal with a new mine
- 45% said their revenues would grow at least 21% simply by having a mine open in their region

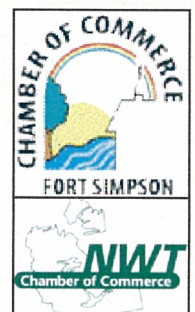
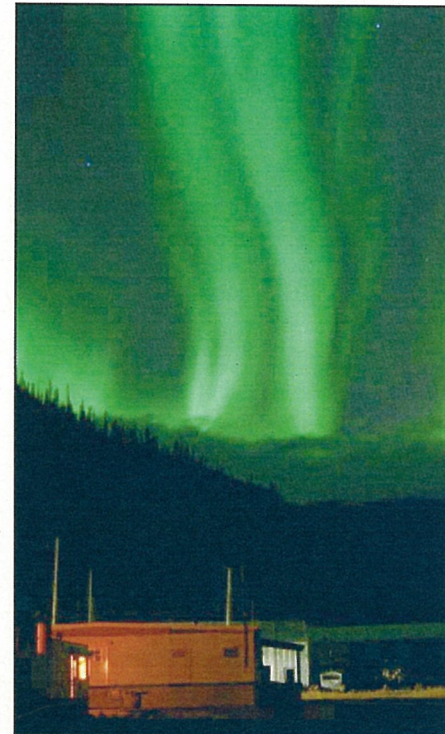




# The impact on medium employers

Among medium employers  
survey highlights included:

- 60% said their business would grow at least 21% if they got a contract with an explorer
- 40% said their firm would grow a minimum of 41% if they got a deal with a new mine
- 60% said their workforce would grow as much as 40% if they got a new mine as a client

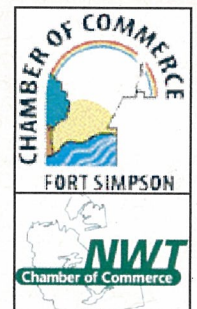
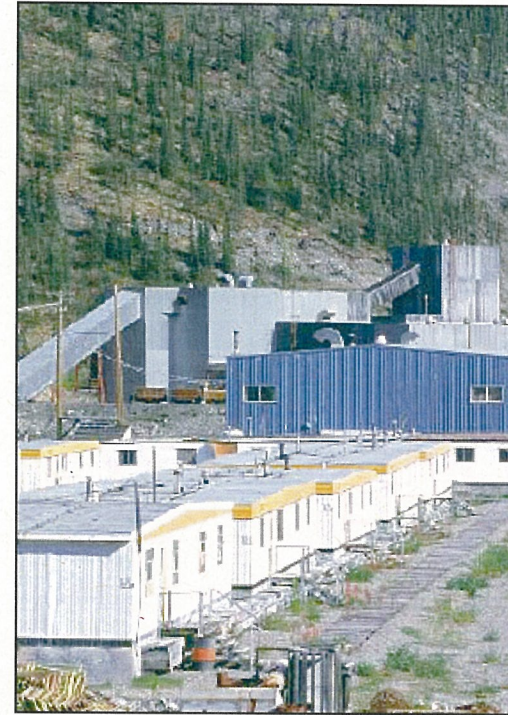




# The impact on large employers

Among large employers  
survey highlights included:

- 33% said their business and workforce would grow at least 21% if they were contracted to the right explorer
- 33% said they'd hire 21% more people if they got a deal with a new mine
- 33% said their workforce would grow at least 21% if a mine opened in their region





# Moving forward



The Fort Simpson Chamber suggests the expected economic benefits of the proposed Prairie Creek Mine be considered as part of this and any other assessment of the project.

