# **Mining for the Future:** THE CLEAN ECONOMY **TRANSITION NEEDS MORE PEOPLE**

Canada's mining industry faces a tight, and tightening, labour market. With critical minerals and metals needed to transition to a clean economy, today's mining labour shortages threaten the world we want to create tomorrow.

#### THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET

In 2022, employment in mining and quarrying rapidly grew by roughly 50%.

EMPLOYMENT (THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE).

MINING & QUARRYING (NAICS 212) (2018 - 2022) 85 75 +47% isands of

ur Force Survey (Custom Data

Since the pandemic, the percentage of job openings that remain unfilled has doubled. By the third quarter of 2022, there was only one job-seeker for every five job openings in mining and quarrying.



### **REASONS FOR A TIGHT LABOUR MARKET**

Mining activity has been booming since 2020

Mining must expand to meet the demand for

low-carbon technology and infrastructure.

• Mining careers are the least popular among

• Participation from women, new Canadians

and other equity-deserving groups is lacking.

• A large share of the mining workforce is aging

#### **SHORT TERM ISSUES**

PANDEMIC-DRIVEN SUPPLY CHALLENGES

LONG TERM ISSUES

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11%

5% 10

and entering retirement.

IT HAS PROVEN DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT

# ECONOMIC INSTABILITY

# GEOPOLITICAL UNREST



SHARE OF WORKFORCE BY AGE CATEGORY, MINING, QUARRYING AND OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION (NAICS 21) (1987 – 2021)



r Force Survey (Table: 14-10-0023-01), 2022



Mining and Quarrying All Industries

stry Human Resources Council, Canadian Mining Workplace Profile, 2023;

#### **TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ECONOMY**

Low-carbon energy technologies such as renewable power, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure will require much more mining activity. The International

🔲 Definitely would 📃 Probably would 🔲 Might Consider 📒 Probably would not 📕 Definitely would not

Source: Mining Industry Human Resources Council (2021); Abacus Data (2020

15%

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31%



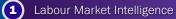


Energy Agency estimates that global requirements for critical minerals must guadruple by 2040 to meet carbon-reduction targets.

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO **HELP RESOLVE THESE LABOUR SHORTAGES?**

M4S, aims to build a diverse, skilled and safe Canadian mining workforce in support of the industry's role in developing a clean economy.

- Government support of the industry is vital to quickly expanding the minerals and metals sector.
- Attracting, recruiting and developing the next generation of workers is vital to mining's sustainability and growth.
- The Mining Industry Human Resources Council's Mining Sector Skills and Solutions Strategy for the Clean Economy (M4S).



- Labour Market Intelligence (LMI) for the Canadian Mining Sector
- (2) Mining Career Awareness and Engagement
- National Mining Skills Development Strategy (3)
- Governance, Project Management, Industry Engagement and Communication



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