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A new cohort for the “Mining Essentials” program in Nemaska

NEMASKA, February 23, 2018 – The “Mining Essentials” program will be available this winter for the first time in the Nord-du-Québec region to 15 learners from the Cree Nation of Nemaska in collaboration with the Nemaska Lithium mining company, the Cree Nation of Nemaska, the Cree School Board, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada, Comité sectoriel de main-d’oeuvre de l’industrie des mines (CSMO Mines), and the Mining Industry Human Resources Council (MiHR).

The training program began on February 19 with a welcome day and orientation activities held at the former Band Council facilities in Nemaska. This 12-week program is divided into 11 modules and teaches learners essential employability skills to prepare them for entry-level employment in the mining industry.

Learners will have the opportunity to hone their skills in areas such as communication, computer science, health and safety, and mining. The Nemaska Lithium company, which operates a lithium deposit near the community of Nemaska, will add special modules for its mining site to the program, as well as field mentoring opportunities in various trades. During the program, learners will also be able to explore a number of career options and vocational training programs, including visits to schools in their area.



The four trainers for the Nemaska cohort, Janice Callahan (Cree School Board), and Pascale Larouche (MiHR) during trainer training in Chibougamau

Comité sectoriel de main-d'œuvre de l'industrie des mines (the Mining Industry Sectoral Workforce Committee) is a consultative structure through which representatives of mining companies and worker associations implement strategies to address common challenges of attracting and developing the workforce as well as human resources management issues in the mining industry.

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