

# Focus On Indo-Canada Tie-Up In Mining Sector

TORONTO: The Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Toronto hosted a business reception in honour of a visiting mining delegation under the leadership of Anil Mukim, Secretary, Mining, Government of India last Monday.

The delegation was visiting Canada to participate in the annual Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada International Convention, Trade Show & Investors Exchange in Toronto from March 3 - 6 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Anil Mukim was leading a high-powered delegation comprising India's public sector mining companies as well as senior-level government of India officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukim applauded the role of ICCC in promoting the Canada India relations since last four decades. He said that the mining sector was a priority area for the Indian government and the use of latest technology will



bring further transparency and better monitoring in the industry. He emphasized that the Modi government had already accomplished a lot so far but there was room for improvements. He said the contribution of the minerals sector towards the growth of the GDP was significant.

The Consul General of India in Toronto Dinesh Bhatia said Canada and India could help each

other in the mining sector by utilizing existing synergies in the sector. "Canada can provide both investment avenues for Indian companies as well as technological knowhow to Indian companies in the sector."

Ms. Devika Penekelapati, Vice President of the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), in her welcome remarks, said "our journey of cooperation in



the mining sector began a decade ago when during India and Canada Foreign Office Consultations held in Ottawa in December 2008, the Indian side conveyed its interest for a broader MoU on Mining between the two countries. The specific areas of interest for India include potash, urea, gold, diamonds, oil and gas, uranium, clean coal technology, mining prospecting technology,

etc. An MoU between the India's ministry of mines, and Canada's department of natural resources, concerning cooperation in the field of earth sciences and mining was signed in 2010 in Toronto.

Mr. Pappur Shankar, Chair of the ICCC's Mining Committee welcomed the delegates. Several past presidents of the Chamber and current board members were present at the event.

## New Mississauga Fire Safety Plan

MISSISSAUGA: Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) has developed a new Fire Risk Mitigation Plan for residents, building owners and managers in more than 1,890 mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

The plan is a proactive approach that teaches residents how to prevent fires and what to do when a fire occurs. The plan encourages building owners and managers to understand the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code, while giving those tools to ensure the building meets those standards. "The plan is to inspect every high rise, midrise, commercial and industrial building in Mississauga annually or every two years depending on risk," says Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management Tim Beckett.

## Helping Newcomers Enter The Labour Market

BRAMPTON: The Federal Government is seeking innovative and collaborative ideas from local organizations that address specific barriers to the integration of highly skilled newcomers into the Canadian labour market, according to MP Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North.

"Helping people, including internationally trained newcomers, find and keep good, well-paying jobs, is part of our government's plan to grow our economy and strengthen the middle class," she told the Voice.

Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, has launched a Call for Concepts under the Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR) Program. The total funding for this Call for Concepts



is up to \$10 million, which will fund approximately 15 projects to help newcomers find work.

MP Sahota said she is proud that Canada is recognized as an international leader in the settlement and integration of new-

comers. She also said that she is well aware that internationally trained newcomers to Canada often face challenges in getting their credentials recognized so that they can find good-quality jobs.

MP Sahota and the Govern-

ment of Canada are consulting on how best to help newcomers get their credentials recognized so that they can gain their first Canadian work experience and put their education and skills to work sooner in Canada, it was stated.



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