

Exploring the FUTURE

MINING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The British Columbia government maintains a mineral title system designed to provide an orderly and secure transfer of coal, mineral and placer mining rights from the Province to qualified individuals and companies.

The Province maintains an effective and efficient title management system, a fundamental prerequisite to attracting investment in the mining sector.

MINERAL TITLES

Mineral Titles Branch

The branch administers the title recording system, which allows industry to acquire and maintain mining rights in British Columbia. The mineral titles system is delivered using three partners:

- the Mineral Titles Branch provides legal and administrative direction for the title system;
- the Government Agents Branch appoints qualified individuals as Gold Commissioners and sub recorders, offering title recording services in communities throughout the British Columbia; and,
- the Subsurface Tenure Registry Unit maintains and integrates mineral title record and map data into the newly established consolidated resource registry for the Province.

Services

Gold Commissioner offices in Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Nelson, Cranbrook, Quesnel and Smithers provide title recording services as well as real-time information on the status and location of existing mineral and placer titles in British Columbia. Coal title recording and status information is available from Victoria.

Mineral Title offices in Victoria and Vancouver provide comprehensive services on title policy, procedures, title mapping and dispute resolution between mineral title holders and other resource title holders.

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