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CECC Mining Series-2023

"Mining in a Transitional World: Trends and Opportunities in Eurasia"

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIR



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canada Eurasia Chamber of Commerce (CECC), I would like to welcome you to this year's Vancouver Mining Conference. This will be the first year that the Conference is held under our new name. CERBA, our predecessor entity had a long and productive association with the AME Round in Vancouver, one of Canada's premier mineral explorations events. We are delighted that we can continue the tradition and renew with the experience of a live event.

In the past few years, we have encountered more disturbances than we ever anticipated. Globally we are hoping to be dealing with the tail end of the COVID pandemic. In our region of concentration, we are confronted with an open military conflict. The long-term imperative of promoting sustainable development has not become less urgent.

In the things that it is our mandate on which to work on improving international interaction in the mining sector is no less important than it was a few years ago. As we have said before, mining sector activity remains one of the mainstays of Canadian economic growth. It has also been a traditional area of cooperation between Canada and the countries of Eurasia in which CECC is actively involved. Countries of the region on which are focusing are also themselves pursuing more active development of the sector and are looking for the active involvement of foreign partners. This offers opportunities for growth and for productive interaction as new generation infrastructure is being developed.

At CECC to create the appropriate environment for potential business partners to make contact and to engage in productive discussions. We encourage you to take full advantage of this business-friendly environment. We are also committed to respond to any follow request or question you may have.

Please allow me to wish you a successful participation in this year's conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gilles Breton'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gilles Breton, Chair, CECC National Board of Directors

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM **WELCOME REMARKS**

Keynote: Canada-Eurasia Cooperation in Shifted International Environment

- **Erin Campbell, Member of CECC National board of Directors, Founding Partner of MONETA Capital Partners Corp.**
- **Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada, Pacific Regional Office**

9:10 AM – 10:00 AM **PANEL I: REGIONAL MINING UPDATES - CURRENT GLOBAL TRENDS IN MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING**

Moderator: Prof. Julian Dierkes, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, The University of British Columbia

Keynote: Canada's Leadership in Supplying Critical Minerals Globally – Critical Minerals Strategy – **Alex Morrison, Trade Commissioner, Global Affairs Canada, Pacific Regional Office**

Panel presentations:

- Mining Sector of Kazakhstan in the Context of Global Industrial Transition - **H.E. Akylbek Kamaldinov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Canada.**
- Eurasia Commodity Powerhouse: Ensuring Accessibility and Managing Risks, **Nurlan Gabdyzhamalov, Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Canada.**
- **Hon. Gongor Damdinnyam, Member of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia**
- **Mr. Agzam Kadirhodjaev, Deputy Chairman of State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Geology and Natural Resources (pre-recorded) (TBC)**
- Governments, Industry, and Universities: An Innovation Ecosystem - **Prof. Scott Dunbar, Head of Applied Science, Mining Engineering, The University of British Columbia**

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM **NETWORKING BREAK (TEA AND SNACKS)**

10:10 AM – 11:00 AM **PANEL II: COMMODITY OUTLOOK - GLOBAL ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND ENERGY TRANSITION - COMMODITY FOCUS, ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE EURASIAN OPPORTUNITY**

Moderator: Olav Langelaar, Investment Banker, Mining.

Keynote: Global Commodity Forecast - **Dr. Geordie Mark, Co-Head of Mining Research, Haywood Securities**

Panel Presentations:

- Gold – Time to Shine in Increasing Global Uncertainty – **Mark Ward, B2Gold Corp.**
- Copper – Filling the Gap for Critical Minerals through Exploration in Kazakhstan - **Darren Klinck, President and Director, Arras Minerals Corp.**

- Energy Transition and Mining Investment in Kazakhstan – **Galyizhan Mataev, Head of Representative Office KEZEKHINVEST NC US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil**

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM

Q&A

Moderator: Tatiana Domilovskaya, Regional Director, CECC-Vancouver

11:10 AM – 11:20 AM

CLOSING REMARKS

Jonathan Buchanan, Vice President, policy and Advocacy, Association for Mineral Exploration

11:20 AM- 12:00 PM

NETWORKING AND INDIVIDUAL B2B DISCUSSIONS

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

WELCOME REMARKS



Erin Chutter (Campbell), Member of CECC National board of Directors, Founding Partner of MONETA Capital Partners Corp.

Erin is founding partner of Moneta Partners. She is a capital markets expert with over two decades of hands-on experience in corporate finance and entrepreneurship. She focuses primarily on growth-stage technology, energy, and industrial companies that are preparing for next phases of capital access.

Erin specializes in projects requiring complex financing solutions involving multiple stakeholders, private equity, or venture capital.



Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah, Deputy Director at Global Affairs Canada, Pacific Regional Office

Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah is a deputy director in the Trade Commissioner Service's (Global Affairs Canada) Pacific Regional Office. She is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Yaa-Hemaa was recruited into the federal government through the Recruitment of Policy Leaders program and has worked for Global Affairs Canada since 2005, working on such initiatives as the Global Commerce Strategy and the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations.

Prior to joining the Vancouver Regional Office in 2017, Yaa-Hemaa completed an interchange assignment as a Senior Policy Advisor at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Yaa-Hemaa is also a jazz/soul singer-songwriter and released an album in 2016.

PANEL I

Regional Updates: Current global trends in mineral exploration and mining



Prof. Julian Dierkes, Associate Professor at the Institute of Asian Research (IAR) and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Dr. Julian Dierkes is an Associate Professor at UBC's School of Public Policy and Global Affairs. He has focused much of his research on contemporary Mongolia in the past 15 years and visits the country regularly in non-pandemic times. Dr. Dierkes is particularly interested in democratization and mining governance in Mongolia. He is one of the principal authors of the Mongolia Focus blog (blogs.ubc.ca/mongolia) and tweets @jdierkes.

Moderator



Alex Morrison, Trade Commissioner, Global Affairs Canada, Pacific Regional Office

Alex Morrison is the Trade Commissioner of Mining, Oil and Gas for British Columbia and Yukon. Along with his work in international trade and international business development, he has spent his career working with Indigenous communities in the mining sector. With his consulting company, Northern Lighthouse Consulting, he has worked with Indigenous communities across Canada in engagement and consultation processes, health and community wellness, health impact assessments, post-secondary education curricula, and economic development initiatives.



H.E. Akylbek Kamaldinov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Canada

Born in 1961, Ambassador Akylbek Kamaldinov graduated from Kazakh State University and studied at the Institute of Asian and African States, Moscow State University as well as the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He has held prominent positions including First Secretary, Embassy of Kazakhstan in Japan, Head of Section of the Department of Bilateral Co-operation, and Deputy-Director of the Department of Asia, Middle East and Africa in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Head of External Economic Division, Office of the Prime Minister. In 2007-2016 he served as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Japan and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2016-2018.

He assumed his current post in June 2018.



Nurlan Gabdyzhamalov, Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Canada

Mr. Nurlan Gabdyzhamalov took on his role as the Counselor at the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Ottawa in August of 2022.

Prior to coming to Canada, he served as the head of unit of the Department of Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (MFA) for two years. His role was to oversee bilateral political, economic, cultural cooperation between Kazakhstan and following countries: Germany, United Kingdom, Austria, Benelux countries and Scandinavian countries.

Mr. Gabdyzhamalov started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan in 1999 where he served as an Assistant Attaché and later Attaché in the Consular Department. Two years later he became the Consul at the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Prague, Czech Republic.



Hon. Gongor Damdinnyam, Member of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1999 Secondary school #7, Darhan-Uul aimag
- 2004 Bachelor in Pedagogy of social science and law, Faculty of Social sciences, Mongolian State University of Education
- 2005-2007 MA in Political sciences, Mongolian State University of Education
- 2013-2016 MA in Mining governance and policy studies, University of British Columbia, Canada

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2009 Advisor to Minister for Environment of Mongolia
- 2009-2010 Advisor to Minister for Education, Culture and Sciences of Mongolia
- 2010-2013 Director for social development, Mongolian University of Science and Technology
- 2015 Researcher, University of British Columbia, Canada
- 2017 Executive director, "Procon Mining Mongolia" Co., Ltd.
- 2020-Present Member of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia

AWARDS:

- 2008 Medal of Honor for Labor



Mr. Agzam Kadirhodjaev, Deputy Chairman of State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Geology and Natural Resources (pre-recorded)

Azam is a Deputy Chairman at the State Committee of Uzbekistan on Geology and Mineral Resources (Goscomgeology) and responsible for maintaining an active investment policy by accelerating the provision of mineral deposits for industrial development, developing recommendations for their rational use, including with the attraction of foreign investment. He has experience working in the Government as Head of International Cooperation and Investment Attraction Department at Goscomgeology. Azam has successfully managed the State Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan on tracking for dangerous geological processes. He also has an extensive experience in carrying out works on attracting foreign investments, conducting direct negotiations with foreign investors and preparing proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers on the granting of the right to use subsoil blocks. Azam has two educational backgrounds. He graduated from the Tashkent State Technical University in the field of International economic relations and in Hydrogeology, engineering geology and geocology.



Prof. Scott Dunbar, Head Applied Science, Mining Engineering, The University of British Columbia

Professor W. Scott Dunbar is Head of the Department of Mining Engineering, University of British Columbia. After over two decades working in civil and geotechnical engineering consulting firms around the world, he joined UBC in 1997 where he has taught a range of courses in the Department of Mining Engineering, including mine waste management and engineering ethics. His administrative positions have included acting director of the advanced technology management program, director of the mining engineering graduate program and associate head of the mining engineering undergraduate program. His research concerns the development of advanced mining and mineral processing methods and finding answers to questions: What will a mine look like 50 to 100 years from now? What innovations are needed to make it happen?

PANEL II

Commodity Outlook Global Economic Uncertainty and Energy Transition



Moderator

Olav Langelaar, Investment Banker, Mining

Olav Langelaar spent approximately five years as a Managing Director at Dundee Goodman Merchant Partners ("DGMP"), a mining investment merchant banking firm. He is a director of Camino Minerals Corp, P2 Gold and SPC Nickel. Prior to joining DGMP, he worked in the capital markets as an investment banker for approximately 11 years. His previous industry experience includes roles with Ospraie Gold and Amerigo Resources (VP Corporate Development), Placer Dome (Manager of Corporate Finance and Insurance), Cameco, Cominco (now Teck), and Agrium (now Nutrien, as Engineer, Maintenance and Construction). Olav spent two years working in Kyrgyzstan on the construction, start up and commissioning of the Kumtor Gold Mine.

Mr. Langelaar has over 20 years in the Canadian capital markets with specific expertise in mining operations and investment banking. He earned his Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo, and an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business. He is also a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

Dr. Geordie Mark, Co-Head of Mining Research – Haywood Securities



Geordie rejoined Haywood in mid-2013 as Co-head of Mining Research, after being an analyst at a Hedge Fund in the Basic Materials Group. Prior to his time with that Fund, Geordie was a Mining Analyst at Haywood for more than 4 years, where he covered the uranium and bulk commodities sectors, and before held a VP Exploration role with an exploration company in Canada.

Immediately prior to moving to Canada, Geordie was a Lecturer in Economic Geology and Logan Fellow at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. Geordie is a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists, and holds a PhD in Science and graduated with a BSc Honors degree (Class I) from the National Key Centre in Economic Geology, James Cook University.



Mark Ward, Manager, Project Evaluations, B2Gold Corp.

Mark Ward has 38 years of experience as a Geologist focused largely on gold exploration across 4 continents. From the Witwatersrand gold mines of South Africa to the layered PGE deposits of Western Russia, Mark has spent the last 16 years working with Bema and then with B2Gold Corp. on a variety of gold projects across the globe. Currently, he is heading the Project Evaluations Group on a worldwide project search for the next big gold mine for B2gold Corp.

Darren Klinck, President & Director – Arras Minerals Corp.



Mr. Klinck is an accomplished mining executive with a wide range of management experience working throughout Australasia & The Americas. He was President & CEO of Bluestone Resources following the acquisition of the Cerro Blanco gold project in Guatemala in 2017 where he led the team that financed and advanced the project through resource expansion, feasibility and engineering phases of the project development. Prior to that, he spent more than ten years with OceanaGold Corporation as a member of the Executive Committee that achieved significant growth and business expansion to become a multi-mine, international gold mining company growing from a sub C\$100 million market capitalization to greater than C\$3 billion market capitalization.

Over the past 20 years, Darren has been instrumental in negotiating equity and debt financing packages totaling more than \$800 million and has significant experience leading teams in emerging markets with a strong focus on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and community engagement programs as well as extensive government relations activities. Mr. Klinck is a Director of Valore Metals Corp and Gold Basin Resources Corp.

**Galymzhan Mataev, KAZAKHINVEST NC,
Official Representative in the US and Canada (Mexico and Brazil)**



Mr. Mataev is maintaining a position of the Official Representative of KAZAKHINVEST National Company since 2020. He is situated in Washington, DC and is responsible for operations in the US, Canada, Mexico and Brazil.

Prior to Kazakhinvest he was the Managing Director of Kazakh Invest JSC in Nur Sultan, Executive Director Arda Stroy Invest LLC until 2018 and from 2012 to 2016 was on managerial positions at Samruk Energy JST. He has also served as Deputy Head of Staff / Office of KZ Prime Minister and Head of Staff / Office of the Governor of the Pavlodar Region

CLOSING REMARKS

**Jonathan Buchanan, Vice President, Policy and Advocacy,
Association for Mineral Exploration**



Jonathan is responsible for advancing policy initiatives that impact mineral exploration and development for the Association for Mineral Exploration (AME). These initiatives are wide-ranging and include permitting, reconciliation, land access and use, geoscience, and financial incentives among many other topics. Mr. Buchanan will also help drive AME's three-year strategic work plan by ensuring the annual work plans are completed and members are kept informed.

Jonathan has 20 years of public affairs experience, including 17 years collaborating with BC's diverse mineral exploration and development sector through increasing roles and responsibilities at AME. He is an active participant on the BC Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation, where he served as Chair in 2015 and 2016, and he sits on various industry committees and task groups. He graduated with a BA in Geography from The University of British Columbia and is a graduate of the Strategic Leadership program at Royal Roads.

EVENT HOST AND Q&A MODERATOR

Tatiana Domilovskaya, Regional Director, CECC-Vancouver Chapter



Raised in Ekaterinburg (Russia) Tatiana has been working since 1995 in international relations, developing industrial cooperation between Europe, Americas and CIS countries first as the Director of the EU aided Management consultancy project within Technical Assistance CIS Program, later as a Deputy Director of the East Russia Representatives Office of Dresdner Bank AG. From 2000 to 2004, Tatiana served as a Senior Adviser on Trade and Investment at the Commercial Section of the British Consulate General.

Tatiana moved in Vancouver in 2004 and after 3 years of design work in privately owned company she returned to her international business development activity in 2009 as the Regional Director of CECC.

Tatiana graduated from the Urals State Technical University (Ekaterinburg, Russia), she earned an MSc Degree in Metallurgical Engineering and had her scientific career at the Institute of Machine Engineering at the Urals Branch of the Russian Academy of Science and at the Metallurgical Faculty of the Urals State Federal University. She was trained as the marketing and international trade and investment advisor at the Wilstrup Research Institute of Denmark, Dresdner Bank AG (Germany) and British Trade International (London)

UPCOMING MAJOR CECC EVENTS AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MISSIONS

CECC Mining Series-2023. Eurasia Mining Conference on the margins of PDAC-Toronto	March 6, 2023
CECC Mining series: Country focused virtual Working Groups Canada-Mongolia Canada-Kazakhstan Canada-Uzbekistan	Dates TBC
Education & Career Expo-Armenia 2023 (Yerevan) Business mission to Armenia for Canadian educational institutions	April 1 - 7, 2023
Government relations – Mongolia: incoming internship group	April – May 2023
OGU Conference - Oil and Gas Uzbekistan 2023 Business Mission Uzbekistan	May 15 - 24, 2023
International Business Cooperation and Trade in resources sector and Greentech: incoming internship group, Mongolia	June 2023
Business Mission to Mongolia Mining and Oil, (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)	September 12 – 17, 2023
Kazakhstan Canada Business Council (KCBC) – International Forum on Bilateral Cooperation On the margins of World Petroleum Congress	16 - 20 September 2023

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