

Annual Survey on Mineral Exploration, Deposit Appraisal, Mine Complex Development, **Capital and Repair Expenditures**

Reporting Guide



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. REPORTS REQUIRED:

- (a) Reports are required for mining operations located in Canada.
- (b) Separate reports should be completed by province for each type of metal and non-metal mining activity.
- (c) To be included in this report are:

 - Potash refineries.
 Milling and pelletizing operations.
 - Electric generating plant if it is installed for use mainly at the mining site.
 - To be **excluded** in this report are:
 - Exploration and development expenditures for oil and gas.
 Metal smelting and/or refining establishments.
- (d) If the report is NIL, please complete page 1 and return so that we may complete our file.

2. JOINT VENTURE:

In the case of joint ventures, only the company responsible for the accounting records (the operator) should complete a report for the venture to avoid any duplication on the reporting of expenditures.

3. GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS:

Grants, subsidies and investment tax credit should not be netted from expenditures reported in Sections 1 and 2.

4. DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND PERCENTAGES:

- (a) All dollar amounts should be expressed in CANADIAN DOLLARS.
- (b) Percentages should be rounded (e.g., 37%, 76%, 94%)
- (c) Your best estimates are acceptable when precise figures are not available.
- (d) Shaded areas indicate that no response is required.
- (e) Pre-printed numbers 100 to 954 are for identification purposes.

5. DEFINITIONS:

An asterix* indicates that a definition is provided in the Reporting

6. QUESTIONS:

If additional information, questionnaires or assistance in preparing this questionnaire is required, Please Call Collect the appropriate government department:

- In Newfoundland to the Department of Mines and Energy at
- In Nova Scotia to the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources at 902-424-4161.
- In Quebec to "Ministère des Ressources naturelles", in Canada call toll free 1-800-463-3357 in USA call 418-627-6295.
- Manitoba to the Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines at 204-945-6585.
- In all other provinces and territories to Statistics Canada at 1-800-345-2294 or 613-951-9815.

7. FILING OF RETURN:

Please send the completed questionnaires in the enclosed envelope to the appropriate government department listed below:

Operations in Newfoundland - to the Department of Mines and Energy, P.O. Box 8700, St-John's, NF A1B 4J6.

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- Operations in Nova Scotia to the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 698, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2T9.
- Operations in Quebec to "Ministère des Ressources naturelles", 5700 4th Ave West, Charlesbourg, Québec, G1H 6R1.
- Operations in Manitoba to Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines, Winnipeg, MB R3G 3P2.
- Operations in all other provinces and territories to Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.

1. SECTION 2 - ASSET DESCRIPTION AND CODES:

- (a) For coding assets in Section 2 Column 1, please refer to the asset description and code page in the Reporting Guide.
- (b) The use of "Other" code (i.e., ending in 99) is to be avoided, if possible.
- (c) In Section 2, construction and machinery and equipment type of assets are separated. This is not necessary in Section 7
- (d) If more lines are required for Section 2, please photocopy and attach to questionnaire.

2. SECTION 5 - ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

If your capital expenditures were made for several reasons, they should be apportioned to each applicable reason. If this is not possible the most important reason or the most significant expenditure should be selected.

3. SECTION 6 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLANS

Complete the section only if this report shows significant changes from the expenditures reported previously on the "Preliminary Estimate 2000". The intent of this section is to clarify the reason(s) for major changes in the expenditures reported and thereby reduce possible further inquiries.

4. SECTION 7 - ASSET DESCRIPTION AND CODES

- (a) For coding assets in Section 7 Column 1, please refer to the asset description and code page in the Reporting Guide.
- (b) If you have purchased more than one asset in a particular asset group, report them separately or combine the data and provide a weighted average.
- (c) The use of "Other" code (i.e. ending in 99) is to be avoided, if possible.
- (d) If more lines are required for Section 7, please photocopy and attach to questionnaire.

5. SECTION 8 - REASONS FOR DISPOSALS/SALES OF FIXED ASSETS:

If your disposals/sales were made for several reasons, they should be apportionned to each applicable reason. If this is not possible, the most important reason or the most significant disposal/sale should be selected.



DEFINITIONS

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ORGANIZATION IDENTIFICATION:

The printed label on page 1 indicates the most current identification of your organization on our files. Please use the appropriate space below the label make any changes that would reflect a better description of your operations for this particular report.

LABEL INFORMATION:

A) Type of Ownership

Ownership is defined as the level of government, person, group of persons, agency or incorporated body controlling more than 50% of the voting rights.

NOTE: Financial assistance (grants, subsidies, etc.) provided by any level of government to an enterprise and/or institution does not necessarily constitute ownership of that organization.

B) Period Covered by this Report:

Please report expenditures for the period January 1 to December 31, 2000.

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SECTION 1: Exploration, Deposit Appraisal and Mine Complex Expenditures (Capitalized and/or expensed)

Section 1 is now reported under form MIN-EX3R of Natural Resources Canada questionnaire.

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SECTION 2: Capital and Repair Expenditures for Total Mining Activity (Excluding Expenditures made for Metal Smelters and Refineries)

Columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 - Capital Expenditures by Assets

New Assets, Renovation, Retrofit, includes both existing assets being upgraded and additions of new assets.

Report the **gross expenditures** (including subsidies) on fixed assets for use in the operations of your organization or for lease or rent to others. Include all capitalized costs such as feasibility studies, architectural, legal, installation and engineering fees as well as work done by your own labour force. Capitalized interest charges on loans with which capital projects are financed should be included.

EXCLUDE: If you are capitalizing your leased fixed assets as a lessee in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' recommendations, please **exclude** the total of the capitalization of such leases during the year from capital expenditures.

2.1 Land/mining rights

Capital expenditures for land should include all costs associated with the purchase of the land that are not amortized or depreciated.

These costs must not already be included in general or mine-site expenditures.

2.2 Residential Housing (excluding land)

Report the value of residential structures including the housing portion of multi-purpose projects and of townsites with the following EXCEPTIONS:

 buildings that have accommodation units without self-contained or exclusive use of bathroom and kitchen facilities (e.g., bunkhouses, dormitories, camp cookeries, camps - see asset code 1022).

- 2) the non-residential portion of multi-purpose projects and of townsites.
- 3) associated expenditures on services.

The exceptions should be included in the appropriate construction (i.e., non-residential) asset.

2.3 Capital Expenditures for Non-Residential Construction (excluding land and housing construction)

Report the total cost incurred during the year of building and engineering construction (contract and by own employees) whether for your own use or rent to others. Include also:

- 1) the cost of land servicing, demolition of buildings and of site preparation.
- 2) leasehold and land improvements,
- 3) townsite facilities, such as streets, sewers, stores, schools,
- 4) oil or gas pipelines, including pipe and installation costs,
- all preconstruction planning and design costs such as engineering and consulting fees and any materials supplied to construction contractors for installation.

2.5 Capital Expenditures for Machinery and Equipment

Report total cost incurred during the year of all new machinery, whether for your own use or for lease or rent to others. Any capitalized tooling should also be included. Include progress payments paid out before delivery in the year in which such payments are made. Receipts from the sale of your own fixed assets or allowance for scrap or trade-in should not be deducted from your total capital expenditures. Any balance owing or holdbacks should be reported in the year the cost is incurred. (See **EXCLUDE** above.)

Column 3 - Purchase of Used Assets in Canada

Data is needed separately from columns 2 and 4 to identify the existing assets that were used previously in Canada and were already included in measurements for those previous years.

Purchase of Used Fixed Assets

Definition:

Used fixed assets may be defined as existing buildings, structures or machinery and equipment which have been previously used by another organization in Canada that you have acquired during the time period being reported on this questionnaire. the time period being reported on this questionnaire.

Explanation: The objective of our survey is to measure gross annual new additions to fixed assets separately from the acquisition of gross annual used fixed assets in the Canadian economy as a whole.

> Hence, the acquisition of a **used fixed asset** from within Canada should be reported separately since such acquisition would not change the aggregates of our domestic inventory of fixed assets, it would simply mean a transfer of assets within Canada from one organization to another.

> Imports of Used Assets, on the other hand, should be included with the New Assets columns because they are newly acquired for the Canadian economy.

Renovation, Retrofit, Refurbishing, Overhauling, Column 4 -Rehabilitation

The renovation components column is intended to separate the portion of existing assets being upgraded in contrast to the additions of new assets.

2.7 Non-Capitalized Repair and Maintenance Expenditures

Report the gross non-capitalized repair expenditures on nonresidential buildings, other structures and on machinery. Include the value of repair work done by your own employees, as well as payments to persons outside your employ. Maintenance expenditures also include the routine care of assets such as janitorial service, snow removal, salting and sanding, oil change and lubrication of vehicles and other machinery. This question represents non-capitalized expenditures in contrast to the capitalized expenditures of column 4 (Renovation, Retrofit, Refurbishing, Overhauling, Rehabilitation).

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SECTION 4: Detail of Expenditures for Fixed Assets:

Question 2 -Assets for capital lease to others

This item represents the percentage of the total amounts, reported in Box D and Box E, spent on fixed assets for lease to others, through capital or financial lease. Please **exclude** assets acquired for lease to others through operating leases.

Question 3 -Work in progress

Work in progress represents accumulated or accrued costs on capital projects not completed and which are intended to be capitalized upon completion.

Question 4 - Assets acquired through capital (financial) lease

If you are capitalizing your leased fixed assets, please include the total amounts capitalized here. These amounts should not have been included in Sections 1 or 2.

Question 5 -Robots

Robot is defined as a machine capable of performing the versatile movement resembling those of the limbs of a human being or having sensory and recognition capacity and being capable of controlling its own behaviour.

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SECTION7: Disposals/Sales of Fixed Assets

Report those fixed assets which are disposed, sold, retired, destroyed or otherwise discarded and also traded in for credit in the acquisition of purchase of new fixed assets. When land and buildings are sold together, please report the selling price of the land separately (Column 2, data cell 735) along with other land sales.

If you have disposed/sold similar assets with varying lives, report them separately or combine the data and provide a weighted average.

7.1 Land/mining rights

Capital expenditures for land should include all costs associated with the purchase of the land that are not amortized or depreciated.

These costs must not already be included in general or mine-site expenditures.

7.2 Residential Housing (excluding land)

Report the value of residential structures including the housing portion of multi-purpose projects and of townsites with the following EXCEPTIONS:

- buildings that have accommodation units without self-contained or exclusive use of bathroom and kitchen facilities (e.g., bunkhouses, dormitories, camp cookeries, camps - see asset code 1022).
- the non-residential portion of multi-purpose projects and of townsites,
- 3) associated expenditures on services.

The exceptions should be included in the appropriate construction (i.e., non-residential) asset.

Column 3 - Accumulated Capital Cost should represent total capital expenditures for an asset at and since the time of construction or purchase including capital expenditures for the purposes of modernization, expansion, etc. Any subsidies received should not be subtracted.

SECTION 9:

9.1 Capacity Utilization

Capacity use (utilization) is calculated by taking the actual production level for a mine (production can be measured in dollars or units) and dividing it by the mine's capacity production level.

Capacity production is defined as maximum production attainable under normal conditions.

To calculate capacity production, follow the mine's operating practices with respect to the use of productive facilities, overtime, workshifts, holidays, etc. For example, if your mine normally operates with one shift of eight hours a day, five days a week, then capacity will be calculated subject to these conditions and not on the hypothetical case of three shifts a day, seven days a week.

Example

Mine A normally operates one shift a day, five days a week and given this operating pattern, capacity production is 150 units of product x for the month. In that month actual production of product x was 125 units. The capacity use for mine A is (125/150) * 100 = 83%.

Now suppose that mine A had to open for a shift on Saturdays to satisfy an abnormal surge in demand for product x. Given this mine's normal operating schedule, capacity production remains at 150 units. Actual production has grown to 160 units though, so capacity use would be (160/150) * 100 = 107%.

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ASSET DESCRIPTION AND CODES

The asset items and categories listed below are groupings of fixed assets generally having a similar function which can apply to various industries.

- Construction structures should be classified to an asset according to its principal use unless it is a multi-purpose structure where we would like you to separate the components. The cost of any machinery and equipment which is an integral or built-in feature of the structure (i.e., elevators, heating equipment, sprinkler systems, environmental controls, intercom systems, etc.) should be reported as part of that structure as well as landscaping, associated parking lots, etc.
- Machinery and equipment which are housed in structures and which can be removed or replaced without significantly altering the structure should be reported separately. Computers for administration and educational purposes should be reported under asset code 8001. All other computer related machinery and equipment should be reported under asset codes 8002, 8003, 8107 to 8299.
- Computer assisted assets are assets that possess the ability to be programmed for a wide variety of functions and, to a degree, adjust their behavior in response to changes in their physical environment. Includes robots, numerically controlled machine tool equipment and individual computerized machines.

Example: Your company has had a core storage built during the reporting period, and the construction cost was \$8,000,000.00. The reporting of the information in Section 2 would be as follows:

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CODE	INDUSTRIA			<u> </u>	CODE	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	CODE	CONVENTIONAL (non-computer	
1005					6001	Trucks and other motor vehicles		assisted)	
1006	Pollution abatement and control Warehouses, refrigerated storage, freight terminals						8207	Telephones and related machinery and equipment (excluding telephone switching apparatus, see category	
1008	Maintenance garages, workshops, storage facilities				6003	Automobiles		8299); e.g. answering machines Other communication equipment; e.g.	
1013	Office buildings				6004	Trailers and semi-trailers for the transport of goods	8299	telephone switching apparatus, broadcasting and receiving equipment,	
1022	Bunkhouses, dormitories, camp cookeries, camps				6006	Locomotives, rolling-stock, street and subway cars, and other rapid transit		satellite dishes, aerials, radar OTHER MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	
1099	Other industrial and commercial			rcial		equipment	9001	Gas generators, turbines, internal	
	MARINE CONSTRUCTION				6007	Aircraft (excluding satellites, see category 6099)	3001	combustion engines and other motors for other than transportation equipmen	
2001	Docks, wharves, piers, terminals (coal, oil, natural gas, container, general cargo)				6010	Other motor vehicles and vehicles not mechanically propelled; e.g. off-highway	9002	Pumps, air compressors and fans	
2099	Other marin	Other marine construction				trucks, all-terrain vehicles	9003	Air conditioning (excluding portable air	
	TRANSPOR	TRANSPORTATION			6099	Other transportation equipment; e.g.		conditioners, see category 9099), refrigerating or freezing equipment	
2202	roads (also	Highways, roads, streets, including logging oads (also include signs, guardrails, lighting,				buses, ships, engines, tires for motor vehicles PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (computer	9004	Industrial or laboratory furnaces and ovens and furnace burners and	
2204	landscaping, sidewalks, fences)			·		assisted)		related equipment	
	interlockers	and roadbeds including signals and ers			7108	Machine-tools and accessories	9005	Well drilling and servicing rigs (other than floating)	
2299		Other transportation WATERWORKS			7109	Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading mineral substances in solid form	9106	Pulling, lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery - computer assisted	
2402	Trunk and distribution mains				7199	Other processing equipment	9206	Pulling, lifting, handling, loading or	
2412	1	Water pumping stations and filtration plants		7100	CONVENTIONAL (non-computer		unloading machinery - conventional (non-computer assisted)		
2413 2499		Water storage tanks			assisted)	9007	Fork-lift trucks and warehouse trucks		
2499		Other waterworks construction			7208	7208 Machine-tools and accessories	9008	Moving, grading, excavating, compact-	
2601	SEWAGE SYSTEMS Sewage treatment and disposal plants including pumping stations				7209	7209 Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading mineral substances in solid form		ing, extracting or boring machinery for earth, minerals, ores or snow (excluding trac-laying tractors and other tractors, see category 9099)	
2602		Sanitary and storm sewers, trunk and collection lines, open storm ditches and			7299	Other processing equipment	9009	Electric motors and generators	
2699	laterals Other sewage system construction			struction		OFFICE-TYPE AND COMMUNICATIONS MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	9010	Electric transformers, static converters, inductors, switch gear and similar	
	ELECTRIC F	,			8001	Computers and related machinery and		electric equipment	
2801	Electric power construction					equipment (excluding software pur- chased separately)	9011	Optical instruments and apparatus, instruments and apparatus designed for certain specifically defined uses (surveying, meteorology, drawing, calculating, etc.) and machines for testing materials	
	MINING	MINING				Computer software			
3401	Mine buildings including headframes, ore bins, ventilation structures, backfill plants and				8003	Office machinery and equipment (excluding fax-machines, see			
3402	other surface buildings Mine buildings for beneficiation treatment of				8004	category 8107) Office furniture		Instruments and appliances for medical, surgical, dental, or veterinary use or for related purposes	
0.400	,	ninerals (excluding smelters and refineries)		8005	Other furniture, lamps and lighting	or 9013	Measuring, checking or automatically controlling instruments and apparatus (excluding gas, water and electricity		
3403	Mine shafts, drifts, crosscuts, raises, declines, stoping, etc. (Report for structures only; for rock work components, see form			port for structures ents, see form				fittings; e.g. hotel, motel, restaurant or store furniture	
0.45	MIN-EX3R, NRCan, lines 14.10 to 14.13.)					COMPUTER ASSISTED		meters, see category 9099) and navigational instruments	
3404	Tailing disposal systems, settling ponds OTHER CONSTRUCTION Other construction (not specified elsewhere)				8107	Telephones and related machinery and equipment (excluding telephone	9014	Hand tools	
5999						switching apparatus, see category 8199); e.g. fax machines, cellular phones, modems, answering machines	9099	Other machinery and equipment; e.g. storage tanks, tractors for agricultural	
			8199	Other communication equipment; e.g. telephone switching apparatus, broadcasting and receiving equipment		or forestry work, portable air conditioners, electric traffic control equipment, gas meters, water meters electricity meters, weigh scales,			

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electricity meters, weigh scales,

central heating boilers, bedding