# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# January 2025

# MESSAGE FROM Stéphane Corriveau Site Manager

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN CAMP!

I recently began to work at the Shaakichiuwaanaan Camp as Site Manager. Leveraging my mining industry experience, I look forward to optimizing our camp operations and contributing to the project's development.

I am pleased to introduce our growing team with key additions in critical roles. Jean Meunier and David Boubour have joined us as Maintenance Supervisors, overseeing facility maintenance and surface operations. Additionally, Théodore Lefebvre and Samuel Gagné have taken on positions in the Health and Safety department, ensuring the highest safety standards across our operations.

On behalf of the Patriot team, I extend our warmest wishes for the new year to all our partners and host communities. Should you be in the vicinity of Shaakichiuwaanaan Camp, please feel welcome to stop by my office - I would be glad to meet you and provide a site orientation.

Best regards,

Stephane Corribeau

#### **UP COMING EVENT**

In January the Patriot ESG Team will be in Chisasibi

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Stéphane Corriveau and the team having fun at the Shaakichiuwaanaan Camp.



# SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN Hard Rock Lithium In Eeyou Istchee James Bay



### **ACCOMPLISMENTS IN 2024 AND LOOKING FORWARD 2025**

2024 was a successful year for the Shaakichiuwaanaan project. Patriot was honoured to be recognized by our peers at the XPLOR Gala Awards last October for the Entrepreneur of the Year and to receive the prize in the presence of members of the Tallyman's Family and Chisasibi community members.

In 2024, we changed the name of the project from Corvette to Shaakichiuwaanaan. We completed the construction of the exploration camp and of the multi-user access road going from km 270 of the Trans-taiga road to the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite deposit. In 2025, we are looking forward to optimizing our camp operations.

In the summer, we published a Preliminary Economic Assessment and updated the Mineral Resources Estimate. A Feasibility Study on the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite is scheduled to be released in 2025. Patriot intends to continue to explore and drill to gather geological data and to support the Feasibility Study. Details, as best projected at this time:

#### Drilling Activities from January to the end of the year:

- Up to 10 active drill rigs are possible at certain times of the year (helicopter, barge and road supported).
- It is expected to be closer to 2-3 rigs in the winter and to 5-8 in the summer.

#### Surface Exploration from June through mid-October

• Outcrop stripping, trenching, channel sampling, mapping, prospecting and rock sampling.

#### Ground-Geophysics Survey from January to March

• No line-cutting anticipated.

Patriot completed the desktop audit for the UL 2723 ECOLOGO<sup>®</sup> Certification for Mineral Exploration Companies in September and the field audit will occur in early 2025 at Shaakichiuwaanaan camp.

Finally, we continue to collect baseline environmental data in support of the Environment and Social Impact Assessment. Patriot intends to file the report to COMEX in September 2025.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE DATA COLLECTION FIELD PROGRAM

Environmental baseline data collection began on the Shaakichiuwaanaan Project in 2022 and 2023 and continued throughout 2024 with assistance from WSP and Niigaan (a Cree enterprise). Several field programs were conducted and are contributing to the upcoming Environmental and Social Impact Assessment.

#### Water

- Water quality baseline studies: 24 monitoring stations within the Project study area, which were sampled six times between 2022 and 2024.
- Sampling of sediment and benthic invertebrates in fall 2024.
- Hydrology program: measurement of water flows and levels at 11 hydrometric stations established on lakes and streams. These stations have been visited three times per year since 2022, during spring freshet, low water and fall freshet.

#### Fish and Fish Habitat

- Fishing activities were undertaken in the Project study area throughout the open water season of 2024.
- Efforts focused on habitat characterization, fish sampling, and water sampling for eDNA analysis to validate the presence of fish in water bodies where no fish were caught.
- A particular attention was paid to the delineation of legal fish habitat in all permanent and intermittent water bodies and streams.



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Field technicians undertaking hydrology and fisheries works, 2024, Shaakichiuwaanaan Project.

#### Soil Quality

- Soil quality testing: sampling and analysis of soil from boreholes within the planned Project footprint.
- Sampling of an additional five trenches to allow for the development of soil mapping.

#### **Birds**

- Bird surveys took place both remotely and in person throughout the study area.
- Several acoustic recording stations were installed.
- A comprehensive ornithological survey took place over a period of 15 days in the summer of 2024.

#### Bats

- Acoustic stations for recording bat calls were installed within the study area.
- Data was collected seasonally for analysis.

#### Vegetation and wetlands

• A vegetation and wetlands survey took place in the summer of 2024 to delineate wetlands and identify any potentially rare plants within the study area.

#### Archeology

- Zones with indigenous archaeological potential were defined through desktop studies.
- A flyover of the study area was undertaken in 2024.
- An archaeological field survey is planned for 2025 to confirm the presence of any archaeological or cultural artifacts within these identified zones.

#### Landscape

- A landscape inventory was carried out in 2024 to document the current light conditions in and around the study area to define intrusive light, sky clarity and landscapes and confirm the presence of existing light in the area.
- Photographs of the landscape (day and night) were also taken at several stations to document existing conditions and to be able to simulate future conditions associated with the Project.

#### Noise

- Six locations have been identified as noise monitoring stations.
- A noise monitoring station was installed in November for 24 hours at each of these locations to establish baseline noise levels surrounding the project study area.
- The locations were chosen in consultation with the Company's Cree partners as potentially sensitive receptors near the site and on the Trans-Taiga Road.



Field technicians undertaking vegetation studies and water quality sampling 2024, Shaakichiuwaanaan Project.



# MINING 101 UL 2723 ECOLOGO® Certification



### **CERTIFICATION FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION COMPANIES**

To provide visibility into Patriot's own operations and to better communicate the Company's ESG stewardship to stakeholders, the Company decided to pursue the UL 2723 ECOLOGO® Certification Program for Responsible Development for Mineral Exploration Companies. The ECOLOGO® certification is the first comprehensive certification for mineral exploration companies and their service providers that features credible third-party audit of environmental, social and economic practices. To obtain and maintain ECOLOGO® certification, companies are evaluated on:

#### Legal compliance

• Compliance with sustainable development principles along the value chain

#### Environmental quality

- Efficient use of natural resources
- Air quality
- Soil quality
- Water quality
- Respect for sensitive areas and wildlife habitat

#### Quality of Life

- Recognition of the concerns and accommodation of communities affected
- Recognition of the concerns and accommodation of Indigenous communities
- Noise and sensory environment
- Quality of visual environment
- Health and safety of communities
- Respect for cultural heritage

## Local Investment

- Selection of local labour
- Selection of local suppliers

### 📎 Work Environment

Occupational health and safety

### ΔΔ Business Ethics

- Corruption prevention
- Accountability of executives and managers

### Transparency and reporting

Information sharing

### - 💇 Innovation

• Responsible use of technologies

#### Economic efficiency

• Efficient use of financial resources



MINERAL EXPLORATION

This evaluation includes a thorough documentation review and an on-site visit. Patriot submitted documentation for audit on November 17, 2023. The desktop audit was completed on September 30, 2024 and Patriot received certification. The field audit will occur early 2025 at Shaakichiuwaanaan Project.

Online Resource

Ecologo Certification for Mineral Exploration  $\bigoplus$  <u>Click here</u>



# COMMUNITY Participation Events & Contribution



### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

In 2024, Patriot has had more than 85 communications activities with the Cree Nation of Chisasibi leadership, community members and the tallyman's family.

In October, in the spirit of Truth & Reconciliation Day, Patriot organized an activity with the family of tallyman Paul Ratt to build a hunting cabin on the trapline, so they can pursue their Cree Way of Life on the territory. Family members and workers collaborated on this project. It was an opportunity to strengthen our ties and to learn more about Cree culture.

We were also honoured to receive the Entrepreneur of the Year Award along with representatives of the Ratt Family and Chisasibi community during the Quebec Mineral Exploration Association Gala Event held in Montréal on October 30, 2024.

In December, Patriot held a series of virtual meetings with different stakeholders (from Cree Nation of Wemindji, Cree Nation of Mistissini, Regional Government Eeyou Istchee Bay James, Radisson, Matagami, Quebec Government) to inform them about the Shaakichiuwaanaan Project. The team concluded the year by meeting the Ratt Family at Patriot's Community Liaison Office in Chisasibi for a presentation on the 2024 Accomplishments and to present what is planned for 2025.



Construction of a cabin for the Ratt Family Trapline Ch39, October 2024

2024 Entrepreneur of the Year Award (QMEA) Montréal, October 2024



Meeting with the Ratt Family at the Patriot Community Liaison Office Chisasibi, December 2024

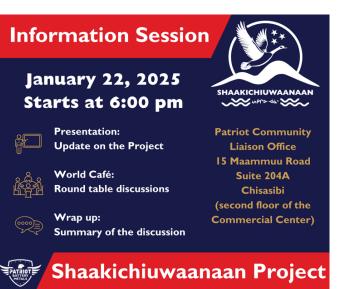


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#### INVITATION TO A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

#### WELCOME TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS!





In 2024, 120 First Nation people participated in the Shaakichiuwaanaan project. They were working on site mainly for:

- Muskw a JV formed between Fusion Drilling and Saskounan Construction (drilling & civil works)
- Dahrouge Geological Consulting (exploration activities)
- Domco and MIS (camp operation, janitorial and catering services)
- Niigaan (environmental inventories)

### **SPONSORSHIP & DONATION PROGRAM**

In 2024, Patriot provided financial support for: the Elders' trip to Montréal organized by the Elder Council; the Mamoweedow; and the Chisasibi Festivities. We also donated to the Fonds Restor-Action Cri. This fund supports remediation activities of abandoned mining exploration sites on the Eeyou Istchee territory. The work is performed by the Environmental and Remedial Works Department of the Cree Nation Government. Patriot contributed to the Reconstruction Initiative Forest Fire Fund 2023 (RIFF). The RIFF was created by 16 mining and exploration companies along with the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board for the reconstruction of cabins that were burned in the aftermath of extensive damage cause by the wildfire in 2023 in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory. Starting in 2025, the RIFF will finance the reconstruction of burned cabins and complement the work underway by the Cree Trappers' Association.

If you oversee a community initiative and you need support, please contract Edward Bearskin and he will guide you through our Sponsorship & Donation application process.



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Oct. 27, 2024	UPDATE ON 2024 SUMMER-FALL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN, QUEBEC, CANADA
Nov. I, 2024	PATRIOT BATTERY METALS AWARDED ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR BY THE QUEBEC MINERAL EXPLORATION ASSOCIATION
Nov. 11, 2024	PATRIOT PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON ESG INITIATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE DATA COLLECTION FOR SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN LITHIUM PROJECT
Nov. 26, 2024	INVESTOR AND SHAREHOLDER UPDATE WEBINAR
Nov. 26, 2024	PATRIOT COMPLETES HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN-FILL & DEVELOPMENT DRILL PROGRAM PROPELLING SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN DOWN THE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE
Dec. 4, 2024	PATRIOT SUCCESSFULLY PRODUCES SAMPLE OF BATTERY- GRADE LITHIUM HYDROXIDE FROM THE CV5 SPODUMENE PEGMATITE
Dec. 11, 2024	PATRIOT DRILLS 31.2 M AT 3.35% LI2O AT CV13 INCLUDING 4.7 M AT 5.37% LI2O, SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDING THE HIGH-GRADE VEGA ZONE
Dec. 18, 2024	C\$69 MILLION INVESTMENT, OFFTAKE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH VOLKSWAGEN AND POWERCO TO PROPEL PATRIOT BATTERY METALS TOWARDS PRODUCTION
Dec. 18, 2024	INVESTOR WEBINAR – INVESTMENT, OFFTAKE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH VOLKSWAGEN GROUP AND POWERCO

#### **UPDATE ON OUR WEBISTE**

To provide transparency and to clearly communicate on our ESG approach and performance, Patriot has updated its website to include additional information.

- Sustainability Environment

  - Social
  - Governance
- Information Hub  $\bigoplus$  <u>Click here</u>

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#### **2023 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT**



This report provides information about our vision and the status of our ESG approach.

#### To consult the report





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