



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2025

MESSAGE FROM Christian Bonhomme Environmental Superintendent

SPRING ARRIVAL BRINGS CHANGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND US

In April 2024 I first visited Shaakichiuwaanaan as a Waste Management Consultant. My involvement in the Project has changed since that visit, as I am now employed by Patriot as the Environmental Superintendent.

In addition to improving our waste management efforts, I'm currently tackling calibrating the water treatment system that will provide water to camp, operating the wastewater treatment system, overseeing environmental field inspections, and preparing for the Company's ECOLOGO®2723 field audit.

I have a lot of experience to share from my 31 years in the environmental field - in laboratory environmental chemistry, hazardous waste management, spill management and response, and water and wastewater treatment. I have worked for private companies (consulting firms and service providers), municipal work, industries, education before finally choosing the mining and exploration industry for the past 18 years. I'd be eager to hear about where you've been and what you do. Together we can further develop the Project while minimizing impacts to the environment, so please feel free to track me down at the Shaakichiuwaanaan Camp for a chat.

Talk soon,

Christian Bonhomme

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Christian keeping busy at Shaakichiuwaanaan

SHAAKICHUWAANAAN

Hard Rock Lithium

In Eeyou Istchee James Bay



UPDATE ON THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

AMENDMENT OF PROVINCIAL APPROVAL PROCESS

In January 2025 Patriot filed an amendment to the Mine Project Preliminary Information Statement (submitted in November 2023) with the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP). This filing replaces the Project name from Corvette to Shaakichiuwaanaan and updates the previous open pit mining strategy to a hybrid mining option, which combines the development of an underground mine and an open pit at the same time.

Project Timeline

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Discovery	✓								
Project description			✓ Provincial		Federal (Amendment provincial)				
Environmental Studies / ESIA Preparation					Filing ESIA Report				
PEA / Feasibility Study (FS)				✓ PEA	FS				
COMEV / COMEX Deliberation & IAAC review							Authorisation & Decision Statement		
Construction									
Commissioning & Production									

START OF FEDERAL APPROVAL PROCESS

The Project is subject to the Federal Process under the Impact Assessment Act. The Federal Process is led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC). Because the Project is located on JBNQA territory, the Cree Nation Government, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the IAAC signed an agreement outlining the mechanisms for Cree participation in keeping with the spirit of Sections 22 and 24 of the JBNQA.

In February Patriot submitted to the IAAC an Initial Project Description for the Shaakichiuwaanaan Project to kick-off the Federal Process (Step 1 Planning). In late February, two (English and French) online information sessions were organized by the IAAC with participation from Patriot and the public so that questions could be answered and concerns raised. The comment period ran until March 16th. IAAC has provided Patriot with questions that will be answered in the coming weeks.



Online Resource

COMEV: Shaakichiuwaanaan Mining Project Preliminary Information Statement

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COMEX: Steps of the ESIA Process

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MELCCFP: Environmental Protection Regime (in French only)

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IAAC: Shaakichiuwaanaan Mining Project

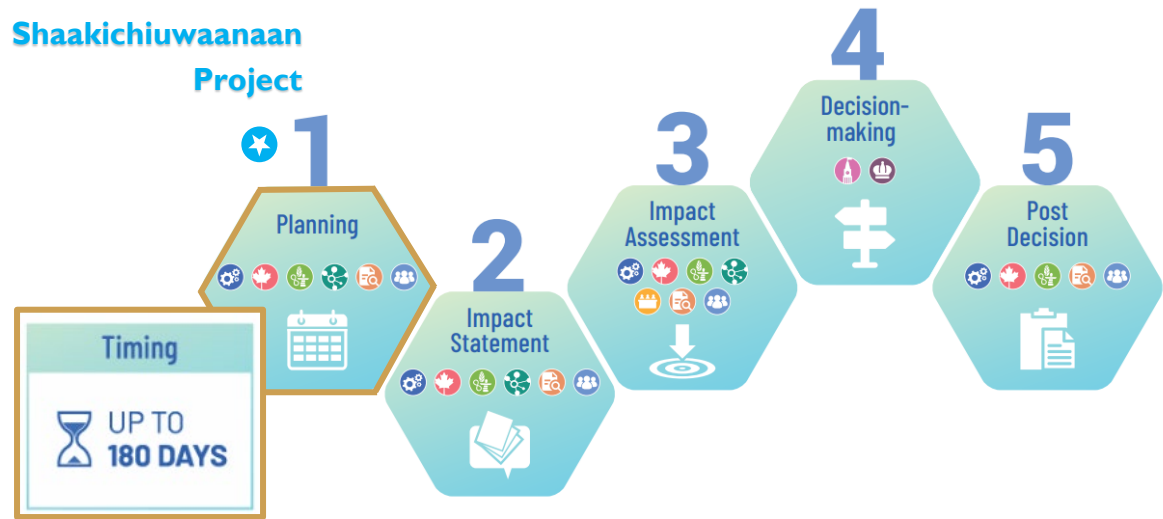
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MINING 101

Federal Approval Process



IMPACT ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW



THE KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM ARE



Source: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, Impact Assessment Process Overview, <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/impact-assessment-process-overview.html>

1. Planning

Projects go through a planning phase where the public and Indigenous peoples are invited to provide information and contribute to planning the assessment.



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IAAC: Phase 1



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2. Impact Statement

The proponent is provided with clear requirements for the information and studies for an Impact Statement. Sound science and Indigenous knowledge inform the Impact Statement.

3. Impact Assessment

The assessment considers potential environmental, health, social and economic impacts of proposed projects, including benefits. Potential impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights are also assessed and consulted on. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) or review panel uses the information to develop an impact assessment report.

4. Decision-making

Public interest is at the centre of decisions. The impact assessment report and Crown consultation outcomes informs the Minister or Governor in Council decision on whether a project's adverse impacts are in the public interest. If yes, the Minister must establish conditions for the proponent. Decision statements set out the rationale for the decision, providing transparency and accountability.

5. Post Decision

IAAC will be active in verifying compliance with Decision Statements and correcting non-compliance. There will be greater transparency around follow-up programs, with increased access to key documentation, as well as increased opportunities for Indigenous and community participation in follow-up and monitoring programs.



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IAAC



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COMMUNITY Participation Events & Contribution



COMMUNITY EVENTS

In 2025, Patriot has had more than 20 communications activities with the Cree Nation of Chisasibi leadership, community members and the tallyman’s family.

In January, we had a in-person meeting with the Ratt Family members and we organized a public information session in our Community Liaison Office located in Chisasibi’s Commercial Center. We presented the Shaakichiuwaanaan site layout and discussed ESIA data. We met again with the Ratt Family members in March, to discuss fish inventories in the vicinity of the Project and fish compensation projects.

To gain a better understanding of community and get feedback on the Shaakichiuwaanaan Project, we also organized interviews with Cree entities including: the Chisasibi Eeyou Resource and Research Institute, the Chisasibi Business Development Group, the Adult Education Services, the Cree Trappers’ Association and the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay. In February, we met with the land users of Traplines VC26 (Wemindji) and M02A (Mistissini) to discuss their land use in the vicinity of the project.



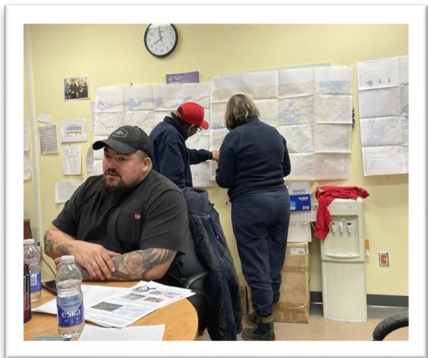
Meeting with the Ratt Family at the Patriot Community Liaison Office, Chisasibi, January 2025



Edward Bearskin, Community Liaison Coordinator, explaining the hybrid mining method to Chisasibi community members, Patriot’s Chisasibi Office, January 2025



Discussion around fish habitat and compensation projects with our consultant Niigaan/Synergis, Patriot’s Chisasibi Office, March 2025



Meeting with VC26 land users, Wemindji, February 2025



Meeting with M02A land users, Nemaska, February 2025

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MINE SITE VISIT

On February 22, 2025, members of the Ratt Family, accompanied by Deputy-Chief Mark Wadden, Chisasibi Natural Resources Liaison Officer Christopher Herodier, and Patriot team members visited the Eleonore Mine. The participants were able to see surface infrastructure such as the camp, administrative building, roads, the portal, stockpiles and tailings. A discussion occurred about the environmental monitoring activities and the legacy of Tallyman Michael Mayappo.



The Ratt Family members visiting an active mine site, Eleonore Mine, Wemindji traditional territory, February 2025

CHISASIBI'S FIRST MINING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Patriot presented a bilingual Shaakichiuwaanaan Project update at Chisasibi's First Mining and Economic Development Symposium. We also participated in a panel about the Benefits and Challenges of Mining in Eeyou Istchee.



Booth and presentation, Chisasibi's Symposium, March 2025

EYYOU ISTCHEE JAMES BAY 2025 CONTRACTOR / SUPPLIER DAY

Patriot met local entrepreneurs in Ouje-Bougoumou at the 7th Contractor / Supplier Day organized by the Société du Plan Nord. We also participated in a panel under the theme: Eeyou Istchee Baie-James, a land of opportunity.



Participation in a panel, Ouje-Bougoumou, March 2025

NEWS RELEASES

Highlights

From last quarter



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January 21, 2025	PATRIOT ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF C\$69 MILLION STRATEGIC INVESTMENT, OFFTAKE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH VOLKSWAGEN AND POWERCO
February 9, 2025	PATRIOT BATTERY METALS COMMENCES 2025 WINTER DRILL PROGRAM AT THE SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN PROPERTY
February 27, 2025	MULTIPLE WIDE, HIGH-GRADE INTERCEPTS AT THE CV5 PEGMATITE, INCLUDING 153.8 M AT 2.00% LI2O, COMPLETES DRILL DATASET FOR UPCOMING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ORE RESERVE IN Q3-2025
March 2, 2025	PATRIOT ANNOUNCES DISCOVERY OF A LARGE CESIUM ZONE AT SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN
March 18, 2025	PATRIOT PROVIDES PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AT THE SHAAKICHIUWAANAAN PROPERTY
March 25, 2025	NEW SPODUMENE PEGMATITE CLUSTER DISCOVERED ~20 KM FROM THE CV5 DEPOSIT

NEW VIDEO

Updated version of the 3D animation showing resources and the two mining methods (open pit and underground), in accordance with the PEA technical report.

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