



UNSUSTAINABLE MINING PRACTICES HAVE CLOSED THREE MINES AND IS IN THE HISTORY OF THIS MINING EXISTANCE.

Xstrata Nickel is hygrading the natural resources of the Sudbury Basin by closing three operating mines and laying off 686 workers, focusing on only mining Nickel Rim South and Fraser Copper to exploit their rich ore deposits. When the rich deposits are exhausted, the poorer grades at Thayer/Lindsley and Craig mines, and Fraser Copper will be unviable and the ore lost forever. While this may benefit the already enormous profits of Xstrata PLC, it comes at a significant cost in jobs, lost revenues and taxes to the workers, the community and the province.

COST TO THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHERN ONTARIO

In early February of last year, **686 (\$75,000 per year) jobs were lost**, which equals almost **\$50 million direct lost incomes per year** to Sudbury. For each direct job, there were **four (4) spin-off jobs (1.5 in mining supply and 2.5) in downstream consumer industries**. That means another **3,000 more jobs and an additional \$150 million in personal income, a total of 3,600 jobs lost and almost \$200 million per year in personal incomes**.

The provincial and federal governments will lose at least **\$50 million per year in tax revenues**.

1,300 jobs were lost in Northern Ontario since Xstrata PLC took over the Sudbury and Timmins operations.

The closure of Xstrata's Kidd Mine metallurgical site could cause the loss of up to **4,428 jobs and \$152 million in annual taxes**.

“Northeastern Ontario cannot afford to lose these good, highly productive jobs”, said CAW President Ken Lewenza. **“Xstrata must not be permitted to exploit the region's resources.**

ON FEBRUARY 8th, 2010, XSTRATA NICKEL ANNOUNCED ENORMOUS PROFITS - \$2.8 BILLION PROFIT FOR 2009, DEFYING EVEN ANALYSTS EXPECTATIONS!

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