



Thunder Bay
Chamber
of Commerce

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Dear Sirs:

SUPPORT FOR GREENSTONE GOLD HARDROCK PROJECT

The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Greenstone Gold Hardrock Project. This proposed mining development in Greenstone, Ontario will provide hundreds of well-paying jobs over an estimated 18 year construction and operating timeframe and will have a significant positive impact on the economy of both the municipality and the entire region of Northwestern Ontario.

We appreciate that Greenstone Gold has worked closely with local Aboriginal communities, the Municipality of Greenstone, and local stakeholders to ensure that their input is reflected in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment. This collaborative approach will serve the management team well as they continue to work to bring this exceptional project to reality.

As a key supply centre for Greenstone, the community of Thunder Bay will be actively involved in the construction and operation of the Greenstone Gold Hardrock Project through the provision of goods, services, skilled workers, and professional expertise. Their commitment to using local and regional suppliers will ensure that the significant benefits of this \$1.2 billion investment are shared through the creation of jobs for our families and economic prosperity for our communities.

We are very supportive of this initiative and look forward to working with Greenstone Gold to realize the immense opportunity that this development offers to our city, our region, our province, and our country.

Yours sincerely,
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