

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

On October 19, 2017, New Gold Inc. announced that Rainy River had commenced commercial production. This 'golden' achievement was the milestone that our team had been working towards for several years; it essentially marked the phase of initiating full operations of the Rainy River mine. As the General Manager, I was proud for the entire team. They safely built a very complex project. Well done!

Throughout the development phase, each of the 560+ New Gold employees, as well as hundreds of contract workers, demonstrated our values of integrity, creativity, developing our employees, commitment and teamwork. These values will continue to guide us through 2018 which will be another busy year. Beyond our 24-7 mining and processing operation, we'll continue to develop the water management and tailings management facilities, plan for the underground portion of the mine and submit an updated closure plan, all while developing our teams. I'd also like to take this opportunity to



First Gold bar poured; a total of 35 kg was poured, containing 500 oz. of gold and 600 oz. silver

thank the overall community for support and encouragement in developing the mining industry within the District. Indigenous partners, local municipalities, businesses, neighbors, families, shareholders, friends and employees (of which 70% are from the local area) all played an important role in keeping the District vital while welcoming new opportunities and a few new faces.

On behalf of the entire New Gold family, best wishes to you and your family for the New Year.



Aerial view of the open pit; from surface to the pit floor is currently 80m

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CELEBRATING COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION



*AnnMarie Gouliquer
Prep Lab Technician*



*Scott Asselin
Electrician*

Our teams at the New Gold mine celebrated the start of commercial production and a lot of hard work and effort with an opportunity to share a meal and hold one of the first gold bars! It has been an exciting few months at the site!

OUR RAINY RIVER TEAM

As of November 30th, 2017, New Gold had **582** employees working at Rainy River!

Of those employees, **72%** are from the local region, **26%** self-identified as Indigenous and **14%** were female!



*Ginger Bragg
Commitments Coordinator*



*Jakub Sisak
Senior GIS Analyst*



*Clayton Thorsteinson
Millwright*



*Riel Morrison
Surface Miner*



*Pierre Légaré, Project Director (left)
Greg Bowkett, General Manager (right)*



*Josh Tom
Surface Miner*



*Brad Robinson
Millwright*



*Russ McMahon
Senior Purchasing Agent*

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DID YOU KNOW?

- New Gold employs a Nurse Practitioner on site, which allows us immediate medical care for our workforce.
- New Gold has licensed operators who use UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) to monitor the environment and the progress of Rainy River.
- The New Gold Emergency Response Team conducted a joint exercise with the Township of Chapple in November and also provided assistance to the Chapple Fire Department at the Municipal landfill.

NEW GOLD IN THE COMMUNITY

Each year, New Gold invests in local communities. Events and services provided by local organizations play a vital role in the resilience of the District. One of the ways we can offer support is with our Community Investment Program. During 2017 we provided support to a number of organizations and initiatives that contribute to the sustainability of the region.

New Gold supports youth programs in the District. This year we purchased a 4H market steer at the Emo Agricultural Fall Fair! We are excited to say that all of the meat was donated to the Emo Food Bank who graciously shared their donation with another food bank.



4H member, Careenna Haw with her steer, 'Jerry'

New Gold was pleased to collaborate with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and provide financial assistance for IV training for local paramedics.



New Gold President and CEO, Hannes Portmann & paramedic Robin Pollard

This initiative will benefit the entire District as it increases the scope of practice for Paramedics in the field.

In 2017, New Gold was proud to take part in many Community events, including Fort Frances Mall Days & Emo Open Streets!



Reese Kuchma digging for Gold at Emo Open Streets

On Remembrance Day, New Gold teamed up with the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) and donated the use of one of our coach buses to shuttle the cadets to various Remembrance Day Services around the District.



908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

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