



FACT SHEET

- Business** In operation since 1989, Red Dog Mine is a zinc-lead mine and is the world's largest producer of zinc concentrate.
- Location** Red Dog Mine is located in Northwest Alaska in the DeLong Mountains of the Brooks Range, 82 miles north of Kotzebue, 55 miles from the Chukchi Sea, and 106 miles above the Arctic Circle. It is situated within the Northwest Arctic Borough. The mine is self-reliant, with power generation, an airport, worker housing and ocean shipping facilities.
- Operating Agreement** The mine was developed under an innovative operating agreement between the NANA Regional Corporation (NANA), a Native corporation owned by the Inupiat people of Northwest Alaska, and Teck Cominco Alaska, a U.S. subsidiary of Teck Cominco Ltd., a diversified mining and metals company and significant producer of copper, gold and specialty metals, headquartered in Vancouver, Canada.
- Operations** Red Dog Mine is an open-pit truck-and-loader operation, using conventional drill and blast mining methods. The mineral processing facilities use conventional grinding and sulfide flotation methods to produce zinc and lead concentrates. Product from the mine is shipped to Teck Cominco's metallurgical facilities in British Columbia, Canada and to customers in Asia and Europe. Due to arctic conditions, the concentrate is stored at the port facility in Alaska's largest buildings and is shipped to customers during a 100 day season that occurs from July to October each year.
- Employees** Red Dog Mine provides 475 full-time family supporting jobs and creates close to 80 temporary jobs annually. The 2007 payroll was \$48.9 million. The mine is committed to the development and integration of the local workforce – NANA shareholders make up nearly 55 percent of the mine's employees.
- Economic Sustainability** Red Dog Mine is a key contributor to the regional economy, providing significant economic benefits to the State of Alaska and the Native populations in the region and throughout the state. From 1990-2007, Red Dog Mine provided \$540 million in benefits to the regional economy, including wages, joint venture contracts, payments in lieu of taxes and direct royalty payments to NANA.
- Environmental Excellence** Committed to the highest environmental standards and the continuous improvement of our environmental performance, the mine implemented a comprehensive environmental management system and became ISO 14001:2004 certified, which means that its environmental management system has been independently certified and approved. The mine actively complies with 110 permits, regulations, agreements and environmental plans that contain more than 6,000 individual stipulations that involve over 27,000 tasks it must meet on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis.
- Community Investment** Red Dog Mine invests in education, youth, health and cultural organizations in nearby communities that are home to many of our employees. In 2007, the mine contributed nearly \$1.2 million to support regional programs.
- Websites** www.reddogalaska.com; www.nana.com; www.teckcominco.com; www.voicesofreason.net

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