

## IZOK CORRIDOR PROJECT

### The Izok Corridor Project

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Members of the Minmetals Resources Limited group of companies (HKEx:1208)



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## AGENDA

- > Mineral and Metals Group (MMG)
- > The Izok Corridor Project
- > Project status and the next steps



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**MMG**

## **Minerals and Metals Group**

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**MMG**

- > Created in 2009
- > Acquired Oz Minerals and Zinifex
- > Part of Minmetals Resources Ltd.
- > MMG has an office in Vancouver and in Kugluktuk
- > MMG has more than 8,500 employees worldwide

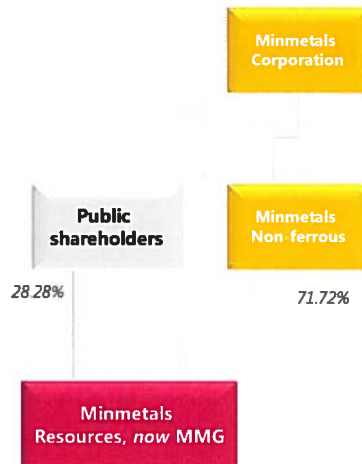


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## MMG: COMPANY STRUCTURE

- > MMG 100% owned by Minmetals Resources
- > Minmetals Resources: 71.72% privately held and 28.28% publicly held
- > Minmetals Corporation
  - founded in 1950
  - an international metals and mining corporation
  - primarily engages in exploration, mining, smelting, processing and trading for metals and minerals
- > Minmetals Resources' owners voted to change listed name to MMG Limited in August 2012



## MMG OPERATING MINES: EXAMPLES

### Century (Queensland, Australia)

- Australia's largest open pit zinc mine.



### Golden Grove (Western Australia)

- An underground mine that produces zinc, copper, and lead and precious metals concentrates.



### Sepon (Lao PDR)

- A gold and copper operation that produces copper cathode and gold dore.



### Rosebery (Tasmania, Australia)

- An underground mine that produces zinc, copper, lead concentrates, and gold dore.



# THE IZOK CORRIDOR PROJECT

## History

### Project Name

### Project Description

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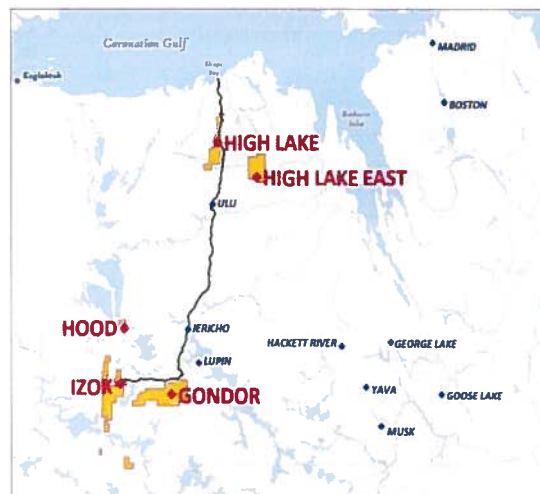
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## HISTORY

- > Wolfden Resources Inc. started the planning for High Lake and the Grays Bay port and submitted a draft EIS to the NIRB in 2006
- > Zinifex purchased Wolfden's Nunavut project in 2007
- > Zinifex started the work to extend the project to Izok Lake in 2007
- > All work was put on hold in 2008



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## HISTORY: 2009 to present day

- < Exploration programs continued
- < New cost studies or prefeasibility was completed
  - Design alternatives
  - Transportation options
  - Port options
  - MMG decided not to finish the environmental assessment for High Lake; NIRB advised in December 2011 and withdrew the project from assessment

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## HISTORY: 2009 to present day

- > Pre-feasibility for project costs completed. Project is marginally economic
- > Feasibility study underway to confirm costs against resources in the ground
- > Need to develop High Lake and Izok together
- > Zinc concentrate is best transported by truck and ship
  - The road from Izok to High Lake to Grays Bay is the most feasible road option available
  - A port located at Grays Bay is our most feasible option
- > Ulu and Lupin properties sold to Elgin Mining
- > Exploration continued at Izok and High Lake
- > Project proposal submitted to NIRB

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## HISTORY: 2009 to present day

- > Engagement
  - Community visits
    - open houses
    - targetted information sessions (one-on-one meetings)
  - RDAG (Iqaluit, Yellowknife)
  - Site visits
  - Newsletters
  - Traditional knowledge workshop
- > Sponsorship
  - trades camp
  - youth programming



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## IZOK CORRIDOR PROJECT COMPONENTS

- > Two proposed mine sites: Izok and High Lake
  - Zinc and copper at Izok
  - Plant and tailings at Izok
  - Twelve year projected mine life
  - Copper and zinc at High Lake
  - No plant or tailings at High Lake just a crusher
- > Proposed port at Grays Bay on the Coronation Gulf
- > August to October shipping of concentrate, no year round shipping



- > Proposed all-weather road connecting the mines to the port
  - Ore will be shipped from High Lake to the Izok mine site for processing
  - Concentrate will be trucked to Grays Bay from Izok



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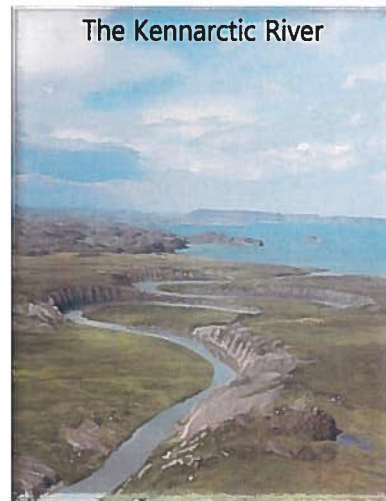
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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Overview of the proposed Izok and High Lake Mine Sites



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Izok Mine

- > 1 Open Pit, mined in 3 main phases
  - High tonnage, high grade, mainly Zn but also Cu rich
  - The deposit is under Izok Lake
- > 1 Underground Mine
  - Lower grade, low tonnage, more expensive to develop



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Izok General Design Features

- > Diversion channel connecting Iznogoudh and Itchen
- > Izok Lake drained to access resource
  - open pit mine
- > Tailings Containment
  - dry-stacking
  - waste rock piles
- > Water Containment
  - Contact water captured and treated
  - Dams to contain water
  - Polishing ponds

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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Diversion Channel Options Overview



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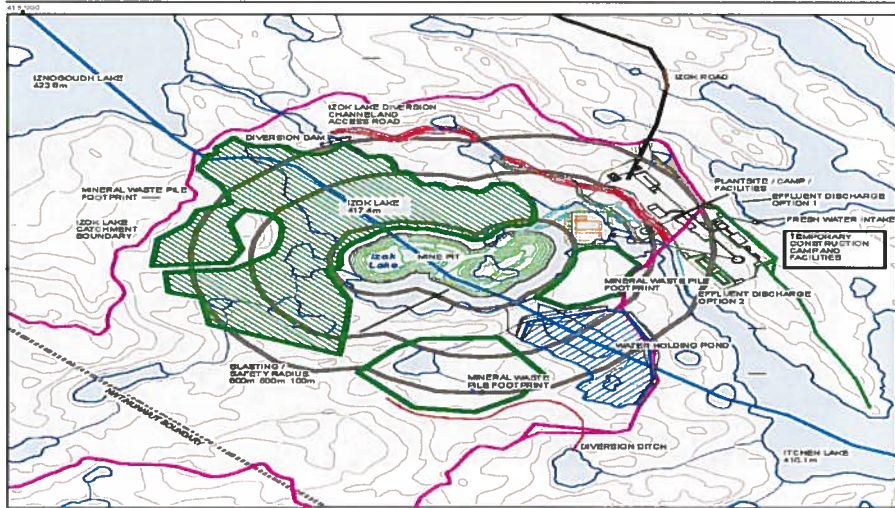
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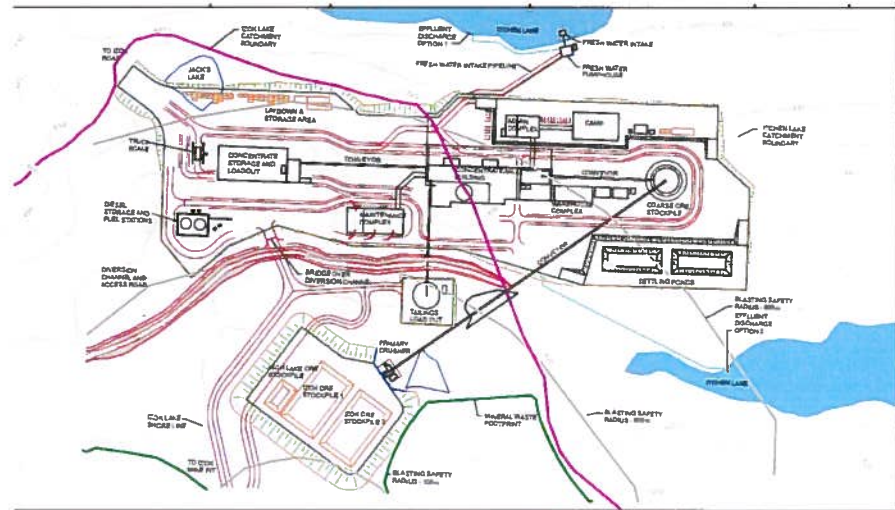
## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Izok Mine Site Plan



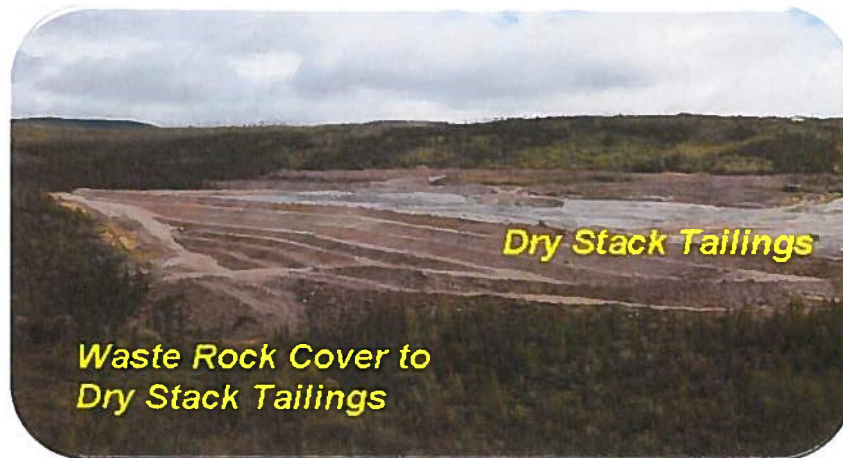
## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Plantsite General Arrangement



## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Tailings Management Strategy



Example: Minto Mine, Yukon



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### High Lake General Design Features

- > 2 Open Pits
- > 1 Underground Mine, mined by decline from surface
- > Crusher



High Lake camp site

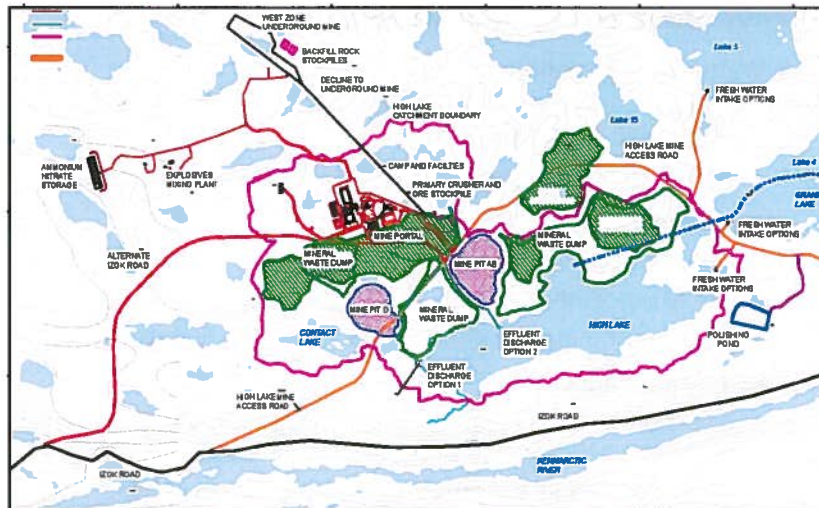


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## PROJECT COMPONENTS High Lake Mine Site Plan



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Common features to both

- > Haul roads linking pits and portal to dumps and ore stockpile area
- > Smaller access roads to ventilation, explosives storage, and water intake
- > Mobile equipment workshop
- > Water supply
- > Water treatment
- > Electric power
- > Communications
- > Explosives storage
- > Warehousing
- > Fuel supply
- > Accommodations, office and dry
- > Emergency response
- > Airstrips and fuel storage



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Environmental Considerations

- > Water Management
  - surface water treatment (cleaning the water before it goes back into a lake or river)
  - polishing ponds (where the water sits while it is cleaned)
  - sewage (cleaned before release)
  - drinking water
- > Waste Management
  - location of mine waste so it does not create a pollution problem
- > Diversion Channel
  - diversion channel created linking Iznogoudh and Itchen may be good fish habitat
  - water flow being measured to limit impact on Itchen

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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Environmental Considerations – continued...

- > Compensation for the loss of Izok lake
- > Tailings
  - potentially acid generating
  - handled and contained so that they will not create a pollution problem
- > Project foot print
- > Closure of the site

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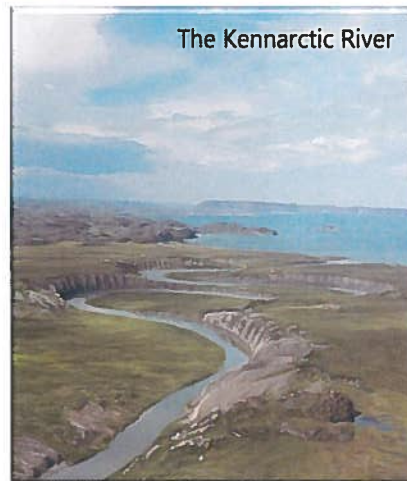
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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Proposed Infrastructure

- > All-weather road
- > Winter roads
- > Port



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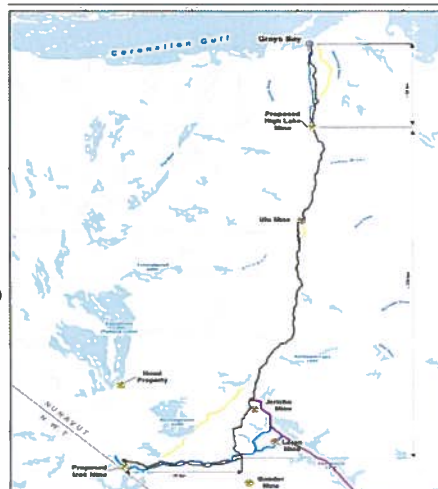
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### All Weather

- > 350 km all weather road
- > Variation under consideration

### Winter Roads (Construction)

- > 100 km winter road from Izok to Jericho
- > 80 km winter road from Izok to Lupin
- > 50 km winter road from High Lake to Grays Bay



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS



North of Contwoyto Lake – A particularly rugged section, weave between outcropping rock, following well vegetated surface

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## PROJECT COMPONENTS



Burnside River crossing: 100 km south of Ulu, 70 m multi-span bridge

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## PROJECT COMPONENTS



Hood River crossing: 17 km south of Ulu, 35 m single span bridge depending on crossing location



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Example of the trucks that will be used



Concentrate and Ore Hauling



Sea Container Transport



Fuel Resupply



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Environmental Considerations: Road

- > Provisions for caribou crossing
- > Road closure during calving season
- > Water crossings to protect fish habitat



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Air Transport Infrastructure

- > Izok: runway capable of handling Boeing 737, Hercules
- > High Lake: runway capable of handling Dash 8, Twin Otter
- > Grays Bay: runway capable of handling Dash 8, Twin Otter

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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Grays Bay Port

#### > Concentrate

- An average of 500,000 WMT at 8% moisture per year from Izok Lake to Grays Bay over the 12-year production phase
- Zinc and copper con – bulk in B-Train Trucks (100 – 120 t tare)
- Lead con – in 20 ft containers (to be confirmed)

#### > Resupply

- 25,000 tpa, generally in 2,500 20 ft containers from Grays Bay to High Lake and Izok Lake, and returned to Grays Bay

#### > Diesel

- 45 Mt in road tankers from Grays Bay to Izok Lake and High Lake



Example: Voisey's Bay



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS



Proposed port location: Grays Bay

- > Concentrate shed for 10 months production (420m long, 90m wide)
- > 50 M litres fuel storage
- > Wharf and ship loader facility to accommodate 50 k t ships
- > Lay down area for ship unloading
- > 2,500 containers (20 ft) in and out annually
- > Camp, administration and maintenance facilities



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Shipping

- > 10 to 15 ship-trips per year (80 day window from July to October)
- > All passages to the east except for last run of the season
- > Each passage takes 2-3 days (one way once inside Nunavut waters)



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Environmental Considerations: Shipping

- > No year round ice breaking
  - Dolphin and Union caribou migration not affected
  - Shipping between mid-July to October
- > Ship traffic impact on marine life
  - Avoid unnecessary ship acceleration to limit noise
  - Maintain consistent course to the extent possible
  - Maintain minimum distance from shore



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## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### > Construction

- average on-site workforce of 670 (based on Pre Feasibility Study and is to be confirmed)

### > Operation

- Average on-site workforce of 400 (based on Pre Feasibility Study and is to be confirmed)

### > Fly-in/fly-out rotational schedule

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## PROJECT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

> MMG submitted the Izok Corridor Project Proposal to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in late August, 2012

> NIRB will screen the Project Proposal to determine need for a review based on potential for significant impacts

> MMG anticipates that the Project will undergo further, and a more detailed, review by the NIRB

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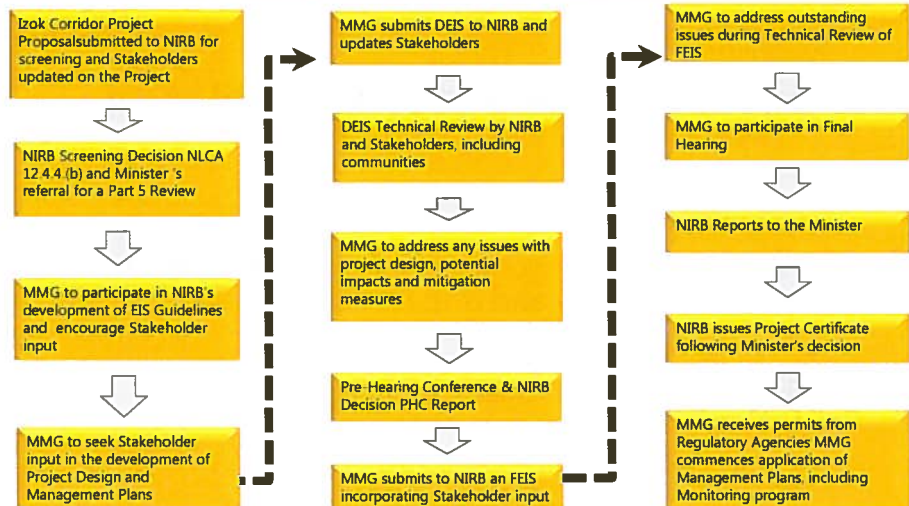


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- > MMG will continue to collaborate with reviewers of the Project
- > MMG will continue environmental baseline studies needed to better understand the environment in the Project area
- > MMG will continue to provide project updates to, and gather feedback from, communities
- > MMG plans to establish Advisory Groups to focus on Terrestrial and Marine Environments, and Socio-economic development and well-being
- > MMG will incorporate input from communities, Inuit organizations, regulators and other stakeholders into the development of management plans to mitigate potentially adverse impacts of the Project



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