

MI1 Which of the following best describes this business? **(Select all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assaying and analytical services | <input type="checkbox"/> Geophysical services and supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling services and supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment supply and service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting and engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Mine contracting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral exploration and development | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment and financial services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and mineral extraction, processing and production | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and security supplies and services |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please specify:

MI2 Do you sell the products or services to: **(Select all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining or mineral extraction companies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesalers/Suppliers | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal markets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct to consumers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contractors, sub-contractors or consultants | |

If other, please specify:

MI3 Do you feel that the economic importance of the mining industry is understood by the business community to be a vital part of the economy of this community?

- Yes No

MI4 In what ways could local business associations or economic development offices assist the mining businesses of the area? **(Select all that apply)**

- Co-ordination of entrepreneur and education workshops (business planning, etc.)
- Co-ordination of industry issues with government
- Identifying and tracking labour availability and skill needs of industry
- Investment and financial planning assistance
- Lobbying of government (taxes, regulations, legislation, etc.)
- Marketing and trade promotion and coordination
- Other

If other, please specify:

MI5 In what ways could local government assist in the mining businesses of the area? (Select all that apply)

- Advice/guidance on preparation of official plan policies and future zoning by-laws affecting mining
- Co-ordination of business initiative between industry, education, government and associations
- Database of available local skilled labour
- Development of strategic plan for community
- Establishment of special entrepreneur zones for new business in community
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvement (roads, telecommunications, energy supply, services, etc.)
- Review of taxes and fees
- Streamlining of local regulatory and permitting processes (e.g. building permits, zoning changes, etc.)
- Investment and financing assistance (low cost loans, venture capital, etc.)
- Marketing, trade, and promotion
- Other

If other, please specify

MI6 How important are each of the following factors in ensuring that this business remains competitive?
 NR = No Response 1 = Not at all important 2 = Not very important 3 = Somewhat important 4 = Very important

	NR	1	2	3	4
Creating a new or different role for sector related marketing agencies or organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More co-operative marketing with other like businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More co-operative marketing with government agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of export markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Direct marketing to consumer/buyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved transportation (air, water, road, rail).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved infrastructure (sewer, water, energy/power)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MI7 During the next 12 months, how critical will each of the following factors be to this business?
 NR = No Response 1 = Not at all critical 2 = Not very critical 3 = Somewhat critical 4 = Very critical

	NR	1	2	3	4
Commodity prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use issues (access, tenure, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permitting & regulations (process, changes to).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall cost of doing business.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting capital and financing.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shortage of skilled labour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aging workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public concern and opposition to industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technological changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MI8 Looking forward to the next 3 years, how critical will each of the following factors be to this business?
 NR = No Response 1 = Not at all critical 2 = Not very critical 3 = Somewhat critical 4 = Very critical

	NR	1	2	3	4
Commodity prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use issues (access, tenure, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permitting & regulations (process, changes to).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall cost of doing business.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting capital and financing.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shortage of skilled labour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aging workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public concern and opposition to industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technological changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your participation in the Huron County Business Retention & Expansion Project