



## 11.0 BENEFITS TO CANADIANS

The effects assessment of the Project, provided in Section 6, used the methodical approach consistent with the EIS Guidelines to determine the residual effects of the Project. The residual effects remaining, after avoidance and mitigation measure are in place, can be further categorized into positive or negative effects. Those effects identified as being positive are considered benefits to Canadians. The positive effects identified in Section 6 were all related to the human environment.

Public comments and input regarding the Project, received through engagement and consultation activities, highlighted concerns regarding significant local and regional declines in employment and population. Employment has largely decreased due to downsizing and permanent closures of paper machines and sawmilling capacity in the forestry industry (Appendix CC). The Project will have a positive effect on the local economy. Employment opportunities arising from the Project may also allow skilled trade workers who left the City of Dryden after downsizing of the Weyerhaeuser/Domtar pulp and paper facilities to return to the region and find employment at the Project. Job opportunities created at the Project will provide an opportunity for youth to stay in the region, and attract new working age migrants. The overall effect of the Project will be felt most within commuting distance from the site (estimated 100 km).

Treasury Metals is committed to hiring locally [Cmt\_003] and purchasing locally [Cmt\_004] as set out in Section 10. To date, Treasury Metals has demonstrated their willingness to follow-through with these commitments through the makeup of its local workforce and its purchasing records. Training, work experience and additional skills gained through involvement in the Project are expected to result in abilities that are transferrable to other economic sectors including forestry and manufacturing. Many of the skills developed while working at the Project will be transferrable to other mining operations and industries, should people either choose to move or be compelled to move post-closure. The skill building associated with the Project will thereby allow the region's economic base to take advantage of other future employment and business opportunities well beyond the life of the Project. Additionally, the Project may help to encourage other mineral development projects in the region, and potentially set Dryden up as a support service and supply hub for other similar regional exploration and mining projects.

A summary of the identified benefits to Canadians is provided in Table 11.0-1.

**Table 11.0-1: Benefits to Canadians**

Discipline	VCs	Benefit to Canadians
Land Use	Cottagers and Outfitters	Outfitters may experience an increase in clientele related to the need for accommodations, which could be viewed as a positive economic effect to the outfitter.
Aboriginal Peoples	Socio-economic Effects	During the construction and operations phases of the Project, there will be a demand for trained workers and training



**Table 11.0-1: Benefits to Canadians (continued)**

Discipline	VCs	Benefit to Canadians
		opportunities will be available locally and regionally.
	Socio-economic Effects	The demand for employees, goods and services will increase in the study area during the construction and operations phases.
Economic Factors	Labour Force, Labour Participation and Employment	Site preparation and construction and operations will create a demand for workers, and increase employment and labour income in the Project area.
	Income Levels	During site preparation and construction and operations, employment from the Project will increase the labour income in the Project area.
	Real Estate	During the site preparation and construction and operations phases, workers moving into the Project area may cause an increase in the demand for housing, and therefore affect real estate prices.
	Economic Development	During site preparation and construction and operations, employment and purchasing from the Project will increase government tax revenues, which could be used for local development.
	Existing Businesses	During site preparation and construction and operations, the Project will increase the Project area demand for goods and services from local businesses. This could be direct purchasing by Treasury Metals, or by the Project employees.
	Government Revenues	During site preparation and construction and operations, there will be an increase in government revenues through the payment of Project-related business and employment taxes.
Social	Education	Treasury Metals will provide opportunity for training and education opportunities for unemployed and under-employed residents and non-resident workers. It is anticipated that any increase in training would be able to be accommodated within existing education and training facilities.
	Housing and Property Values	There is potential for a noticeable increase in property values with increased income levels.