British Columbia Mineral Development Office



British Columbia Geological Survey
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The Mineral Development Office (MDO)

The Mineral Development Office (MDO) is the Vancouver base of the British Columbia Geological Survey (BCGS). The MDO links the Survey with more than 800 global exploration and mining companies headquartered in Vancouver.

The MDO distributes BCGS data and provides technical information and expertise about mineral opportunities to the investment community. It also coordinates the Provincial Overview of Mining and Exploration volume, the first Information Circular of every year.



Regional Geologists Program



Regional Geologists are based in Smithers, Prince George, Kamloops, Cranbrook, and Vancouver. They monitor exploration and mining activities for their regions, and provide expertise to explorationists. They also work in their communities to enhance understanding of local geoscience and to foster a healthy and prosperous minerals sector.







MDO activities

- Delivers technical presentations to domestic and international audiences about mineral and coal exploration and mining opportunities in British Columbia.
- Organizes industry presentations for domestic and international investment forums.
- Works with other provincial ministries to develop technical marketing materials about mining and mineral exploration in the province.
- Distributes and markets new BCGS geoscience products directly to the exploration community.



British Columbia Geological Survey online databases

The BCGS preserves, archives, and provides free web-based access to more than a century's worth of geoscience information. Since 1995, MapPlace, the Survey's database-driven geospatial web service, has provided open geoscience data and custom mapmaking tools to help discover mineral deposits and assess mineral potential in British Columbia.





Building on MapPlace, MapPlace 2 allows anyone with an Internet connection to mine multiple provincial geoscience databases.





BCGS activities















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