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WHEN IT COMES TO CANADIANS' LOVE OF HOCKEY, widely considered our country's national past-time, the team at Victoria Gold is equally committed to supporting Yukoners pursue their passion on the ice.

For example, the upcoming National Aboriginal Hockey Championships being held in Whitehorse next year from May 6 to 12.

Hosted in 2019 by the Yukon Indian Hockey Association (YIHA) — an organization Victoria Gold has supported since 2016 as a sponsor of its Annual Yukon Native Hockey Tournament — next spring's National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) marks the first time this exciting event has been held North of 60. Founded by the Aboriginal Sport Circle and sanctioned by Hockey Canada, the NAHC provides a forum for over 600 elite Bantam and Midget-aged Indigenous hockey players from across the country to showcase their skills and celebrate cultural unity and pride.

"Victoria Gold is proud to be a Premiere level sponsor of the Yukon Indian Hockey Association as they host these important championships," says John McConnell, President & CEO of Victoria Gold Corp. "Helping support a national event of this magnitude right here in the territory gives Yukon athletes the opportunity to participate and compete with other hockey players from across Canada and allows us to continually contribute to Yukon communities and citizens as Victoria grows to become a major employer in the territory."

"I am so pleased to acknowledge Victoria Gold's significant contributions to Aboriginal hockey in the territory and their support in enhancing our community as a whole," said YIHA President Michelle Dawson-Beattie, who is also a new member of the Victoria Gold team as the company's Community Liaison.

In addition to the YIHA and the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, Victoria Gold also supports other levels of amateur hockey throughout the territory.

The company is a proud supporter of the Mayo Hockey Club and also sponsors the Whitehorse Minor Hockey Association and its development teams to help the association operate this program so that Yukon youth can learn skills, a love of the game, sportsmanship and leadership.

To learn more about next May's National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and Victoria Gold's role in supporting the YIHA and this event, please visit www.nahc2019.com.



Michelle Dawson-Beattie, President of the Yukon Indian Hockey Association and Victoria's new Community Liaison, with John McConnell, President & CEO, at the Primary Crusher at Eagle Gold Mine.

ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD AND THE EAGLE GOLD PROJECT

The Eagle Gold Project, currently under construction, and future gold mine is part of Victoria's 100 per cent-owned Dublin Gulch gold property located approximately 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The property is accessible by road year-round and is within Yukon Energy's electrical grid.

The Eagle Gold Project has received all major permits for construction and operations, completed the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) process and mutually created and implements the *Comprehensive Cooperation and Benefits Agreement* with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. Once in operation, the mine will be a significant economic contributor to Yukon employing 350 to 400 people.