

# News Release

**For Immediate Release**

## **Government of Nunavut partners with B2Gold and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association to promote responsible economic development**

**Cambridge Bay, Nunavut (February 10, 2025)** – The Government of Nunavut (GN), B2Gold Corp., and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen collaboration on economic development, training, and community wellbeing in the Kitikmeot Region.

"Today, we begin a partnership that will help our communities directly benefit from responsible resource development," said the Honourable David Akeeagok, Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation. "The signing of this MOU represents more than just an agreement—it's a commitment to shared prosperity and advancing opportunities for the Kitikmeot."

The agreement establishes a framework for ongoing cooperation between the three parties, ensuring that resource development in Nunavut continues to deliver lasting benefits for Nunavummiut.

“The initiatives outlined in the MOU are in addition to the ongoing work we do with B2Gold Nunavut through the implementation of the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement,” said Lawrence Otokiak, Kitikmeot Inuit Association Social and Cultural Vice-President. “Together, we are taking meaningful steps towards creating lasting, positive impact for Kitikmeot Inuit and advancing opportunities in the region.”

“B2Gold Nunavut is committed to ensuring that it continues to be a responsible corporate citizen and good neighbour to all Kitikmeot communities who have been so welcoming to our work at the Back River Gold District,” said Clive Johnson, President and CEO of B2Gold Corp.

This agreement underscores the shared vision of all partners to advance economic development while respecting the impacted communities, the land, and Inuit values.

###

**Media Contact:**

Kathryn Devereaux  
Manager, Communications  
Economic Development and Transportation  
867-975-7833  
[kdevereaux4@gov.nu.ca](mailto:kdevereaux4@gov.nu.ca)

**James Kaylor**  
**Manager of Communications**  
**Kitikmeot Inuit Association**  
**867-983-5340**  
[Jkaylor@kitia.ca](mailto:Jkaylor@kitia.ca)  
[www.kitia.ca](http://www.kitia.ca)

Cherry DeGeer  
Director, Corporate Communications  
B2Gold Corporation  
[Cdegeer@b2gold.com](mailto:Cdegeer@b2gold.com)

News releases are available in Inuktitut, English, Inuinnaqtun and French on [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca).  
Tuhagtaghatittut Inuktitut, Qablunaatitut, Inuinnaqtun Uiviititullu talvani [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca).  
Les communiqués de presse sont disponibles en inuktitut, en anglais, en inuinnaqtun et en français au [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca).