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BARTOLUCCI ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR NEW MINING EXPLORATION DATA CENTRE “Our government continues to invest in mining research and innovation in Sudbury,” says MPP.

Sudbury – The provincial government is supporting the creation of a new mining and exploration data centre through an investment of **\$750,000** from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci announced today.

Through this support, the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI) is establishing a Mining Observatory Data Control Centre (MODCC) in the SNOLAB surface building located at the Vale Creighton Mine near Sudbury.

“CEMI continues to help the mines and minerals industry turn innovative ideas into reality,” stated Bartolucci. “This funding will strengthen Greater Sudbury’s standing as an international hub of research and innovation in mining.”

The new facility will help mining companies collect, filter and analyze mining and exploration data. This research collaboration will accelerate mining discoveries and enable the mining of deeper deposits.

“This centre will harvest the secrets hidden in large amounts of exploration and mining data, gleaning insights to improve exploration success and will result in better decisions that improve both daily and long-term profitability,” stated Douglas Morrison, President and CEO CEMI. “Capitalising on the experience and expertise of both CEMI and SNOLAB, this proposal will increase the capacity and capability to service science and engineering communities in the North and around the world.”

“Our investment in this project is providing an opportunity for academia and industry to work together in the planning of new mining projects,” concluded Bartolucci. “The MODCC will better position our community as a knowledge and service leader in mineral industry and is sure to attract investments to Northern Ontario.

QUICK FACTS

- The MODCC project is scheduled to be completed by December 2015.
- Since 2003, the NOHFC has committed more than \$890 million to nearly 5,900 projects, creating or retaining more than 22,900 jobs in Northern Ontario.

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