

# Mining Industry Update: Where's the good news?

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2013
Wall Street Journal

BUSINESS

#### Some Miners Go Bust

Lower Prices, High Costs Take Toll on Mining Companies

2014
Wall Street Journal

## Miners Pressured by Falling Metals Prices

2015
Wall Street Journal

Mining Companies Slash Jobs as Commodities Prices Slide

THE BIG PICTURE

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9/20/2015 Financial Times Fund managers split over whether mining is at rock bottom

## Lack of Investor Confidence

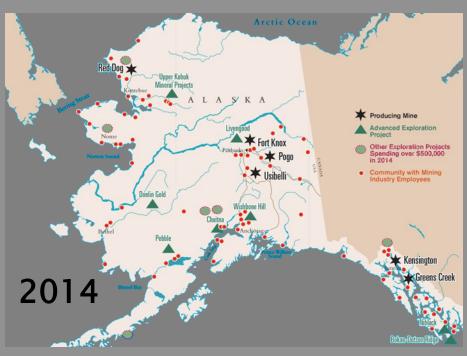


## Alaska's Mineral Industry Report

	2013	2014	% change
Mineral value	\$3.419B	\$3.282B	-4%
Estimated revenue to State of Alaska and municipalities	\$142.5M	\$102.2M	-28%
Exploration spending	\$175.5M	\$96.2M	-45%
Jobs	4,051	2,967	-27%







120+ communities with mining industry employees

50+ communities with mining industry employees





## Fraser Institute Survey 2014 Pure Mineral Potential

- 1. Yukon
- 2. Nevada
- 3. Alaska
- 4. Northwest Territories
- 5. Manitoba





## Fraser Institute Survey 2014 Investment Attractiveness

- 1. Finland
- 2. Saskatchewan
- 3. Nevada
- 4. Manitoba
- 5. W. Australia

- 6. Quebec
- 7. Wyoming
- 8. Nfld/Labrador
- 9. Yukon
- 10. Alaska



### Alaska: the good news

### Permitting:

- Donlin Gold draft EIS 11/30/15
- Greens Creek: tailings storage expansion
- Chuitna: submitted draft permit applications

#### **Production:**

- Red Dog: 2014 record year 4.3MT ore milled
- Pogo: Poured 3 millionth ounce 09/30/15

### **Environment/Safety:**

- Fort Knox IMCC reclamation award
- Usibelli Coal Mine: 5 consecutive quarters with no LTI Legal:
- Pebble gets its day in court





### Mining in Alaska Passes the Test:

- Paying for itself
- Achieving strict environmental and safety standards
- ☑ Benefitting Alaskans
- Providing economic diversity

