

# EAGLE'S EYE

## We are Ring of Fire Metals

Ring of Fire Metals is the new name of Noront Resources. In April 2022, Wyloo Metals became our parent company. Wyloo is based in Perth, Western Australia and has other activities in both Canada and Australia focusing on minerals that help the transition to a low-carbon future. This is important as decarbonization is needed to reduce greenhouse emissions and reduce climate change and global warming. A number of the Wyloo team members have visited our Toronto, Thunder Bay and Esker Site locations to get to know our team over the past few months – they even got to experience the minus forty weather at Esker this past November!

Though we work in different climates, terrains and time zones, we share the common goal of developing the next generation of mines, in partnership with local communities, that will produce the raw materials needed for a clean and sustainable future. Since the takeover, Ring of Fire Metals has reopened Esker, grown our team at all operating locations, partnered with Outland Youth Employment Services (OYEP) and has signed an MOU with Webequie First Nation, a significant and exciting milestone. We are continuing towards our goals with excitement as we embrace the journey towards responsibly developing the Ring of Fire.



Raising the flags of Webequie, RoF Metals and Marten Falls in front of the Teepee

## Teepee at Esker Site

By Scott Jacob, Manager, Community Relations

In November 2022, Ring of Fire Metals Esker Site workers, guided by elders from the nearby First Nations, erected a Teepee at Esker. We were joined by Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation Chiefs, councillors and elders to celebrate the day. Having visitors is a great way to showcase the work that is done at Esker Site. Some members of our Toronto leadership team and parent company, Wyloo Metals, travelled to Esker to take part in this important ceremony.

RoF Metals hopes that the teepee will be a good way for our Indigenous staff members to be able to have ceremonies at Esker. Also, so that non-Indigenous people at Esker can learn more about our culture. This teepee demonstrates our relationship with the local First Nation communities. We raised the flags of Webequie and Marten Falls outside of the teepee to signify their leadership and the

relationship that we share with these communities.

RoF Metals Manager, Community Engagement, Ryan Tuomi said “We hope that this teepee is just the beginning of bringing Indigenous culture and traditions into the development of the Eagle’s Nest mine. Not just to support our workers but to build a diverse and inclusive working environment that everyone can be proud of.”

A special thank you to the community members who joined us to mark the occasion.

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## Employee Profile - Safety First!



- **NAME**  
Clyde Moonias
- **COMMUNITY**  
Neskantaga First Nation
- **JOB POSITION**  
HSE Coordinator

### WHAT DO YOU DO AT RING OF FIRE METALS?

I am the Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Coordinator at Esker Site. A role that I gladly accepted with Ring of Fire Metals while I was finishing my Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Learning at Lakehead University this past April.

### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

I start my day at Esker Site by going for breakfast and greeting everybody with a good morning while enjoying a cup of coffee. During our morning toolbox meeting I am actively listening and engaging in the conversation, at times I will also give the toolbox safety talk.

After the meeting I usually head to the Esker Site office to input data into spreadsheets we use to organize our site operations. Other duties I would do throughout a rotation include conducting mock emergency scenarios, health and safety inspections, conducting orientations for new workers coming to Esker and organizing inventory.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT WORKING AT RING OF FIRE METALS?

I really enjoy the atmosphere and people that I work with. When you get a group of like-minded workers it makes the days go by quick and rotations enjoyable. The food is also great, and with the recent site renovations the Rec. Room is a great place to hang out after work hours and enjoy each others company.

### HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE AS RING OF FIRE METALS TRANSITIONS INTO AN OPERATING MINE?

I would like to one day be in a Supervisor/Managerial role with the company, everybody has to start somewhere, so I am glad I am able to get my start with Ring of Fire Metals as the HSE Coordinator. As time progresses, we all learn new skills and traits and we put that back into the work we do.

### WHAT IS YOUR TOP SAFETY TIP?

Always wear personal protective equipment. Whether it's footwear, high-visibility clothing, safety glasses, gloves, or safety equipment. Personal protective equipment can help minimize exposure to hazards and protect you from workplace injuries and illnesses.

## Winter Exploration Program

○ **We are excited that exploration work will be ramping up at Esker Site this winter and spring.** The program includes a number of geophysical surveys, which are non-invasive ways of imaging what is underground and a drilling program to test targets. The work we are doing includes ground MT (Magnetotellurics), ground gravity, and ground EM (electromagnetics) surveys.

So, what do these surveys do? Ground MT surveys measure electric and magnetic fields under the ground which may indicate potential nickel targets. They rely on naturally occurring sources of energy, like lightning storms and solar flares, as the source of energy. Ground EM surveys measure the conductivity of rock under the ground using a generator to create an electromagnetic field which penetrates the ground. Ground gravity surveys measure differences in density in rock to help identify areas which may indicate nickel targets, without disturbing the ground.

If the MT, EM or gravity surveys pick up something significant, further testing can be done using a diamond drill, which drills into the ground to collect a tube of rock (about as wide as a pop can) which is then analysed by RoF Metals geologists looking for minerals which may lead to a nickel discovery.

Our MT surveys will cover the Eagle's Nest nickel deposit and the Blue Jay nickel occurrence with the hope of identifying new areas to drill near these targets. Drilling will take place at Blue Jay in February. Drilling around Esker to install water wells in January will allow us to test for the presence and quality of water for future development at Eagle's Nest. In addition to our exploration programs, we're planning on installing fuel bladders at Esker and bringing in mobile equipment (snowmobiles and ATVs) to facilitate our work at site and in the field. The fuel bladder system will allow us to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing the amount of flights needed to transport fuel to site, as well as reduce the health and safety risk of manually handling heavy fuel drums.