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AS THE CALENDAR HAS TURNED TO A NEW YEAR, CONSTRUCTION OF VICTORIA GOLD'S EAGLE GOLD MINE IS WELL UNDERWAY and the company is on track to pour its first ounce of gold in the second half of the year.

The Victoria team acknowledges that a large part of its success at the Eagle Gold Mine is made possible through partnerships and relationships with the community and Yukon businesses; such as Small's Expediting Services Ltd; fondly referred to throughout the territory and the industry as Small's.

What began as one individual — company founder John Small, whose family has a rich history in the territory dating back to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 — and one truck in 2004 has grown to include a fleet of 40 units and an expert crew of expeditors.

Small's provides the territory's mineral development and exploration industries with passenger and freight transport, freight consolidation and handling, camp grocery orders and expediting. Today Small's services all the major mine projects and numerous exploration programs in the Yukon and northern B.C. with operations bases out of Whitehorse, Mayo, Dawson City and Watson Lake airports.

Last summer, Small's forged a partnership with Haldane Services, which allowed the companies' fleet to expand and include 20 and 40-passenger buses operating out of Mayo with Haldane to provide a shuttle service to and from Eagle Gold Mine and the community to meet the Air North, Yukon's Airline scheduled flights to Mayo that started last June.

Haldane Services is a 100-per cent Yukon First Nation owned business based in Mayo involving Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizen Victor Sembsmoen, Na-Cho Nyak Dun citizen Dawn Moses and the Na-Cho Nyak Dun Development Corporation.

Involved with Victoria Gold at the project site, since the company's grassroots exploration phase in 2009, Small's now offers scheduled service to the Eagle Gold Mine twice a week, as well as rush shipment and deliveries as needed from Whitehorse employing whatever vehicle the mine's needs require from their fleet of vans, enclosed vehicles, pickups, 5-ton trucks and tractor trailers. Since construction of the Eagle Gold Mine commenced, Small's has seen an increase in freight and loads to site, as well as to the Mayo area.



Haldane Service's Victor Sembsmoen and Dawn Moses.



Last summer, Small's Expediting Services Ltd. expanded its horizons; partnering with Mayo's Haldane Services to provide enhanced service for Eagle Gold Mine employees between Mayo Airport and site.

"Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine is great for the Yukon in so many ways. Victoria has opened so many doors for jobs and opportunities for locals to pursue right in our own backyard. And for a lot of people, that may also mean coming home to the Yukon from having to find work in other jurisdictions. From opportunities for local and Yukon First Nation partnered businesses to provide goods and services to investing in our communities, Small's and Haldane Services are very proud to be part of this exciting project that is, and will continue to, benefit all Yukoners." John Small, Owner and Founder, Small's Expediting Services Ltd.

Once operations at the Eagle Gold Mine commence, Small's Expediting and Haldane Services will maintain passenger, freight and logistics services out of both Whitehorse and Mayo.

"Between Small's and Haldane Services, we will employ up to 30 employees during the industry's peak seasons. We are very proud that many of our employees are life-long Yukoners or individuals who have fallen in love with our territory and are committed to live here, work here, raise their families here and call the Yukon home," continues Small.

"There is a tremendous team of people on site with over 25 contractors fully engaged to transform the Eagle Gold Project into the Eagle Gold Mine," says Victoria President and CEO John McConnell. "I am pleased with the significant number of Yukon-based companies and Yukon First Nation-partnered businesses, including Small's Expediting and its new partnership with Haldane Services, which results in a high-level of local hiring. This is an important focus for us at Victoria as we build the Yukon's next, and largest ever gold mine."



Small's-Haldane's first 40-passenger bus in the summer of 2018 between Mayo Airport and the 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.