

Issues Facing Canada's Mining Industry

Pollution

- ⇒ release of harmful emissions into the atmosphere
- ⇒ disposal of tailings
- ⇒ acid rain

Abandoned Mines

- ⇒ what happens to the land after a mine closes
- ⇒ scars are left on the landscape
- ⇒ continual source of pollution as wastes leak into rivers

Processing

- ⇒ 50% of the minerals mined in Canada are exported before any manufacturing or processing has been done

Global Markets

- ⇒ Canada's mining industry is affected by the economies of other countries

High Quality Reserves

- ⇒ The highest quality mineral reserves are being used up

Competing Countries

- ⇒ New mineral deposits are constantly being discovered in other countries

Mining Towns

- ⇒ What happens when the mine shuts down?