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# News Release

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## GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN KIRKLAND LAKE AND EARLTON AREA

SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario, December 16, 2009— The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for FedNor, today announced a \$9.5 million Government of Canada investment, through FedNor's Northern Ontario Development and Community Futures Programs, in communities throughout Northern Ontario. This announcement includes \$427,500 in support of community economic development and youth initiatives in the Kirkland Lake and Earlton area.

"Our Government is committed to helping Northern communities capitalize on economic development opportunities," said Minister Clement. "Assisting them in developing a responsive, business-ready infrastructure is one way the Government of Canada is contributing to economic growth."

Of the total announced for the region, \$400,000 will be used to develop and service an industrial park in the Township of Harley, adjacent to Highway 11. FedNor's contribution will help with surveying and engineering costs, and with the extension of hydro services. The remainder of the funding will enable the Materials Joining Innovation Centre (MaJIC) based in Kirkland Lake to hire a youth intern to work as a business procedures development officer.

This investment complements measures in Canada's Economic Action Plan to help communities overcome the challenges brought on by the global economic downturn. Initiatives, such as the Community Adjustment Fund and Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, are important tools in the Government of Canada's strategy to revitalize the economy of Northern Ontario.

"FedNor's support is crucial to securing the construction of a new pellet plant and will help us to attract other new businesses," stated Gerald Roy, Reeve of the Township of Harley.

By supporting people, communities and business through its programs and services, FedNor is opening doors and building futures for a prosperous Northern Ontario.

For a full list of FedNor-funded projects in Northern Ontario, visit us at: <http://ic.gc.ca/fednor>

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