



Table 1 – Environmental Liability for Contaminated Mine Sites in Canada (August 2017)*

| | Ontario ¹ | B.C. ² | QC ³ | Northern Territories (Yukon, NWT, Nunavut) ⁴ | Central Provinces (AB, SK, MB) | Maritime Provinces (NFL, NB, NS, PEI) | Total |
|--|--|-------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total number of mine sites (official) | > 4412 sites | > 1273 sites | > 743 sites | 100 to 1020 sites ⁴ | unknown | unknown | > 8500 sites |
| Total liability estimates (official) | > \$3.1 billion | > \$2.4 billion | > \$1.9 billion | > 1.7 billion ⁴ | unknown | unknown | > 9.1 billion |
| Total financial securities held by governments (official) | \$1.0 billion (hard) \$0.7 billion (soft) | \$1.0 billion | \$0.7 billion | unknown | unknown | unknown | > 3.4 billion |

*Includes active, inactive and abandoned sites, based on official data provided by federal, provincial and territorial government sources. 1. Source: [Ontario Auditor General Report, Decembre 2015](#). 2. Sources: [BC Auditor General Report, May 2016](#) (pp.29-30); [BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Report 2014](#) (p.29); [BC Budget Estimates 2016-2017](#); [BC Public Accounts 2014-15](#); [BC Auditor General Report, May 2016](#); [BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Report 2014](#); [BC Historic Mines Atlas](#); [BC Chief Inspector of Mines Report 2015](#). 3. Sources: [Restauration des sites miniers, Rapport sur les activités minières au Québec 2014](#), [Le Devoir, August 2015](#). 4. Exact numbers unknown, main source: [Audit of the Northern Contaminated Sites Program \(2014\)](#).