

## NOS Project Update – December 2007

The final drafts of the NOS were completed in November, based on the input and decisions made by the subject matter experts who make up the National Occupational Standards Development Committees. The next step is to send them to professional editing, translation, and design. Once they are published, they will be posted on the MiHR website and everyone in the NOSDCs and NOSSC will receive a copy.

Now that this stage of development is complete, plans are being made to move on to the next step: the design, piloting, and implementation of a worker certification system. This certification will be the first ever national credential recognizing the skills, knowledge, and experience of workers in the Canadian mining industry. The continued involvement of all stakeholders is essential to the success of this initiative.

Additional mining occupations have already been identified that will require the development of new NOS. A call will be sent in the coming months for participation in this development project. New national development committees will be formed early in 2008. Please stay tuned for updates on this front – an announcement will be made on the occupations to be profiled soon!

Finally, as part of the mining sector's implementation strategy, communications around the NOS and the proposed worker certification and training accreditation systems will now be under the umbrella of the National Mining Credentials Program. Updates to all the communications mediums, including the NOS website, are part of this strategy. Planned activities on this front should start early on in 2008.