

With this acquisition, MSV, which has a mining concession in Eastmain, north of Lake Mistissini, will produce 45,000 ounces of gold and 11 million pounds of copper a year and own a smelter with a capacity of 3,000 tonnes a day.

MSV announced that the transaction was preceded by an agreement on salary reductions for some 300 miners who lost their jobs when two plants closed on November 26, 1992.

On behalf of the mine workers, I want to thank the Mayor of Chibougamau, Ronald Blackburn, the James Bay Development Corporation, a dynamic minister in the Quebec government, Lise Bacon, and federal member of Parliament and Minister of National Health and Welfare for their work on this issue.

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FORESTRY INDUSTRY

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the importance of forestry to the economy of Canada is really Canada's best kept secret. The forestry industry which is the production of newsprint, kraft, fine papers, container board, and softwood lumber from two-by-fours to the finest plywood made for furniture is Canada's single largest industry.

The forestry industry provides over 750,000 jobs for all Canadians. There are over 8,000 businesses from small family sawmills to large corporations whose main purpose for being is the forestry industry.

Forestry is the main employer in over 350 small communities in Canada. It creates over \$35 billion worth of wealth in our country and almost \$20 billion of that is in export sales. Need I say more?

I ask this government and the governments of every province and every territory to protect this valuable Canadian resource, to protect this valuable Canadian industry, to assist it to expand its horizons and thereby create more jobs for all Canadians.

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WORLD VISION FAMINE

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, last month I wrote members urging them to support World Vision's 30-hour famine.

For the past 15 years World Vision Canada has encouraged teenagers across the country to abstain from eating solid food for 30 hours in an effort to raise awareness of the issues of Third World hunger.

Today I want to urge all Canadians through Parliament to support this worth-while venture. Last year the 30-hour famine involved 100,000 students across Canada and raised over \$2 million.

World Vision is committed to emergency relief, the supplying of food, medicines, and supplies in situations of disaster and natural famine. It is also committed to long-term sustainable development.

Young people participating tomorrow and through Saturday will learn what lies behind the gnawing hunger that is a reality for millions of men, women and children every day in this world. They learn that they can do something about it. By inviting their families and friends to support them they also discover the benefits of being an advocate for the poor. By participating in this 30-hour famine young people become proactive in the program of experience, learning and sharing.

World Vision is proud of the kids who support and promote the 30-hour famine. They are tomorrow's leaders but they are making a difference today.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina—Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, earlier today at the National Arts Centre, a map of Canada was raised with over 200,000 signatures of Canadians from all regions demanding a halt to the cuts in arts and culture.

Since the election of the present government there has been a steady decrease in support to the arts. The arts community understands the dire conditions of our country's financial situation but it wonders about the economic management and wisdom of the government. While programs like the \$4.4 billion for 50 helicopters are not cut and megadollars continue to be poured into