

## THE MATOUSH PROJECT

*In 2006, Strateco set up the Matoush uranium project, located in the Otish Mountains at about 275 km north of Chibougamau. It is now considered as one of the highest-grade uranium projects in the world. Strateco aspires to become the first company in Quebec and the first so-called junior company in Canada, during the present cycle, to advance a uranium exploration project involving underground exploration operations.*

## HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK

Worker health and safety is a priority for Strateco. The Company offers a clean, safe work environment that contributes to the prevention of job-related accidents and illnesses.

Strateco has set up health and safety programs that comply with the applicable regulations. These programs provide for the planning, design and implementation of all the measures necessary for a safe and healthy work environment. All workers are involved in the programs, so that each person understands his or her role and responsibilities when it comes to preventing accidents and fostering occupational health and safety.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS

Strateco's health and safety programs will apply during the underground exploration phase of the Matoush Project. The regulatory authorities concerned are currently reviewing and checking the programs to ensure that they are of high quality and meet the applicable standards. Once the licence has been obtained and exploration work is underway, the programs will be implemented.

A training program has been developed and implemented for each health and safety program to ensure that workers receive the training and information they need to perform their tasks safely.

**The following is a short description of the main health and safety programs:**

### ■ ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable)

The goal of the ALARA program is to help workers minimize their exposure to contaminants at work, by keeping exposure levels as low as reasonably achievable given economic and social factors. It is not enough to comply with the appropriate dose limits; doses must be as low as reasonably achievable. Given that even low doses can produce toxic effects, it is beneficial to reduce doses whenever possible.



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*Strateco believes that sustainable development means caring for the environment at every stage of exploration and production, actively involving the local populations in the project, ensuring the safety and health of our workers and local residents and providing safe and clean energy for the future.*

### ■ Quality Control and Assurance

The Matoush project underground exploration program will be managed, monitored and assessed using the quality control and assurance system procedures. These requirements are specifically aimed at systematically and methodically preventing any non-compliance in relation to the Company's activities during the life of the underground exploration project.

The quality control and assurance program will enable Strateco to identify and solve problems, put in place prevention tools and ensure a continuous improvement process for all the programs and procedures for the duration of the operation.

### ■ Worker Communications

Strateco will implement a communications program for its entire workforce. The worker communications program is designed to ensure that relevant, complete, high-quality information is disseminated to all workers and visitors on site.

The program describes information content, quantity, quality, transmission methods and target audience (workers, visitors, contractors), as well as program maintenance.

### ■ Training and Information

The goal of the training and information program is to ensure that training and information sessions are structured and suitable for workers and contractors. The Act Respecting Occupational Health and Safety states that a worker is entitled to receive appropriate training and information in relation to his work. It further states that the employer must give the worker adequate information as to the risks connected with his work and provide him with appropriate training and supervision to ensure that he possesses the skill and knowledge required to safely perform the work assigned to him.

### ■ Documentation Management

The documentation management program deals with the control and life cycle of documents, from their creation or entry into the project (if external in origin) until their destruction. This program applies to all documents used in the context of the project (programs, reports, procedures, forms, emails, photographs, videos, etc.).



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### ■ Risk Management

The risk management program is aimed first and foremost at clarifying the Company's risk management policy and inventorying all possible risks associated with the Matoush underground exploration program. Assessing and classifying the risks will enable Strateco to determine which risks must be particularly addressed by the various programs and how to best manage these risks. The risk management program is constantly evolving as a function of developments in risk identification and classification techniques.

### ■ Industrial Hygiene

Industrial hygiene basically involves the anticipation, identification, evaluation and control of workplace hazards. Industrial hygiene uses two principal techniques – investigation and diagnosis. Investigation involves looking for the causes of observed or anticipated effects. Diagnosis, on the other hand, consists of defining the sources of a hazard, its severity and the means required to reduce it to an acceptable level or eliminate it completely, by mean of observations and data gathered in the workplace.

### ■ Emergency Response

The emergency response assistance plan aims to define, structure and organize the means and resources required for a response so as to save lives, provide assistance, safeguard assets and protect the environment in the event of an incident.

The goal of the emergency response assistance plan is to establish the roles and responsibilities of responders and their relationships to each other, facilitate communication of the plan to those involved and acts as a reference document in the event of an alert or mobilization.

### ■ Radiation Protection

The goal of the radiation protection program is to help workers minimize their exposure to radiation in their job-related tasks so as to keep exposure levels to radon progeny and ionizing radiation as low as reasonably achievable given economic and social factors.

Strateco's radiation protection program will enable it to monitor exposure to ionizing radiation, gaseous radon and its progeny, and radioactive dust.

## PROJET MATOUSH

### ■ Occupational Health

The occupational health program involves managing the health of workers in an industrial environment. This program considers health in terms of an assessment of the health characteristics required to perform work in a mining environment. The goal of the occupational health program is to protect and maintain worker health and meet legal requirements.

### ■ Occupational Safety

The objective of the occupational safety program is to eliminate hazards for worker health, safety and welfare as close to the source as reasonably possible given social and economic factors.

The occupational safety program is an action plan that is being continuously improved to assist managers, supervisors, employees and contractors in their duty to assure everyone's occupational safety in a sustainable manner.

### ■ Industrial Security

The objective of the industrial security program is to provide clear, precise procedures to help security guards perform their duties.

The security guard's job is to protect the environment, facilities, workers, goods, visitors and the interests of the Company.

\*\*\* The list and descriptions of health and safety programs are neither complete nor final.

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