

## **Flambeau Mine Socio-Economic Study Business and Commerce Survey**

A socio-economic study is currently being developed to gauge the impact of the Flambeau Mining operations on local governments and residents of Rusk County. As part of this study, a survey of local businesses is being conducted to determine whether the mining operations had any impact on local businesses. Please complete the following questions and return the survey in the postage-paid envelope. Northwest Regional Planning Commission, located in Spooner, is preparing the socio-economic study. Thank you for your participation.

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1. Was your business in existence during the operation of the Flambeau Mine between 1991 and 1998?

Yes                       No

**If no, please skip questions 2-7 and go to question 8.**

2. Were you expecting to get any business from the operations at the Flambeau Mine?

Yes                       No

3. Did the Flambeau Mining Company or its contractors or subcontractors purchase goods and materials from your business?

Yes                       No

4. Overall, did the presence of the Flambeau Mine benefit your business?

Significantly       Somewhat                       Not at All                       Don't Know

5. Did your business hire additional employees as a direct result of the presence of the Flambeau Mine?

Yes                       No

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6. Since the Flambeau Mine Company completed its reclamation project (1998), has your company had to permanently reduce its employee size?

- Yes                       No

**If yes**, was it the result of the following? (check all that apply)

- Flambeau Mine ceasing operations  
 September 2002 tornado  
 Regional or National economics  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

7. Approximately how many full-time equivalent employees (including yourself) did your business have in November 1997?

- 1-5       6-10       11-15       16-20       21 or more

8. Approximately how many full-time equivalent employees (including yourself) do you have in November 2004?

- 1-5       6-10       11-15       16-20       21 or more

9. What type of business do you own or manage? \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Optional:** What is the name of your business? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this survey by December 3, 2004 in the postage paid envelope.**

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1. Did you live in Rusk County during the operation of the Flambeau Mine?     Yes         No
2. Do you live in the City of Ladysmith?     Yes         No

**If yes**, how long have you lived in Ladysmith?    \_\_\_\_\_ years

3. How would you rate Flambeau Mining Company as a corporate citizen providing long-term benefits to the local community?

Excellent                       Good                               Fair                               Poor

(check only one)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
4. Flambeau Mining Company improved the well-being of people in the City of Ladysmith.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Flambeau Mining Company protected the environment at the Flambeau Mine site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Because of the Flambeau Mine, my <u>local government</u> is better off now than before the mine was developed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Because of the Flambeau Mine, long-term economic benefits in the local communities have been enhanced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Because of the Flambeau Mine, my <u>community</u> is better off now than before the mine was developed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The Flambeau Mining Company interacted constructively and equitably with local communities during and after the Flambeau Mine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Flambeau Mining Company improved the well-being of people in Rusk County.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The Flambeau Mining Company effectively engaged stakeholders and the local governments to allow communities to participate in the decision-making process.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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12. Were you concerned about the impact to the environment prior to or during mine construction?  
 Yes  No
- If yes**, did the mining company adequately address your concerns?  
 Yes  No
13. Flambeau Mining Company made certain promises to the people of Rusk County to protect the environment, provide economic benefits (jobs and tax revenue) and reclaim the mine site. Did the Flambeau Mining Company keep their promise to:
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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Protect the Environment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Provide Economic Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Reclaim the Mine Site     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
14. If another ore deposit were found in the vicinity of your community, would you welcome Flambeau Mining Company back to mine it?  
 Yes  No
15. How much in total do you think local governments (Town of Grant, City of Ladysmith, and Rusk County) received in mining taxes and proceeds from the Flambeau Mining Company while in operation?
- |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$499,000     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000 - \$14,999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$999,999     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> more than \$20,000,000      |
16. Have you used the recreational trails constructed on the reclaimed site of the Flambeau Mine?  
 Yes  No
17. What is your gender:  Female  Male
18. What is your age:  Under 20  20-24  25-34  
 35-44  45-54  55-64  
 65-74  75 and older
19. How many persons reside in your household?

Please complete and return the survey by November 5, 2004 to  
 NWRPC, 1400 S. River Street, Spooner, WI 54801.