

MINERALS MINING PERMITTING PROCESS

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IT TAKES NEARLY A DECADE TO SECURE A U.S. MINING PERMIT

YEARS TO SECURE GOVERNMENT MINING PERMITS



2 YEARS • AUSTRALIA AND CANADA

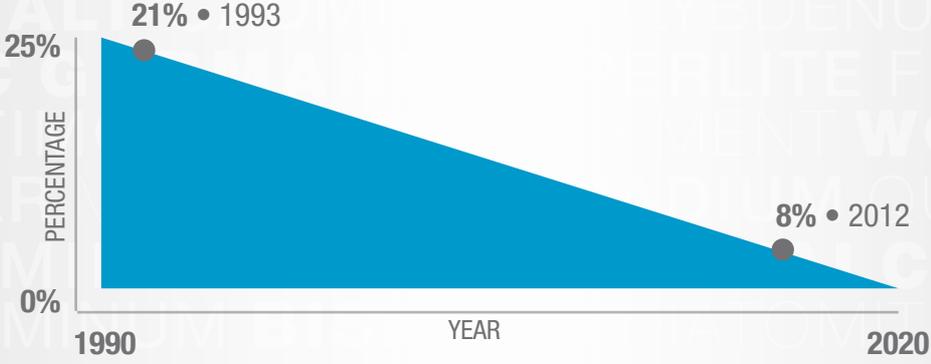


7-10 YEARS • U.S.

DESPITE SIMILAR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, IT TAKES THREE TO FIVE TIMES LONGER TO SECURE A MINING PERMIT IN THE U.S.

PERMITTING DELAYS AND UNCERTAINTY ARE COSTING AMERICA VALUABLE INVESTMENT DOLLARS

AMERICA'S SHARE OF GLOBAL METALS MINING INVESTMENT DOLLARS IS PLUMMETING



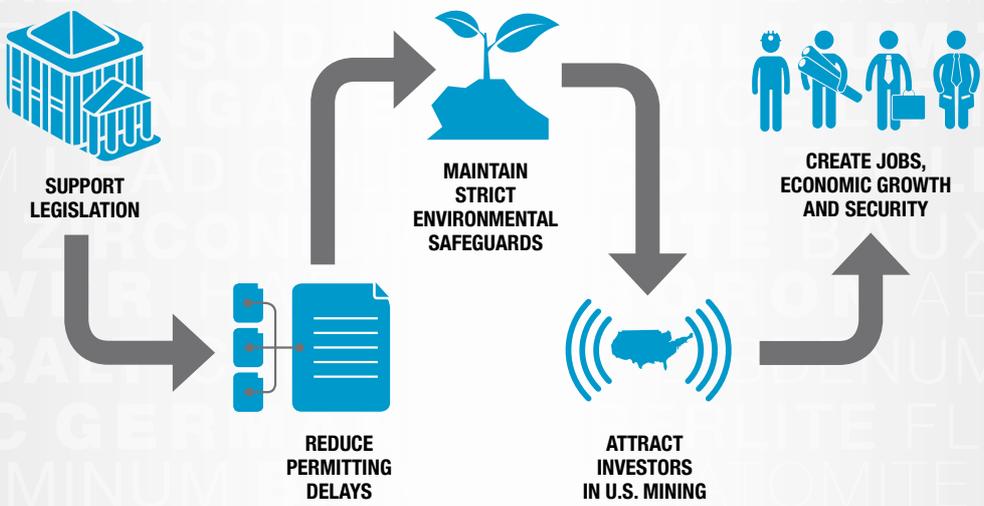
DELAYED RETURN ON INVESTMENT AND GENERAL UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. MINING IS DETERRING INVESTMENT.

AS AMERICA FALLS BEHIND, ITS GLOBAL COMPETITORS CONTINUE ADVANCING



COUNTRIES WITH EFFECTIVE PERMITTING PROCESSES AND MINERALS STRATEGIES ARE WINNING THE RACE FOR GLOBAL INVESTMENT DOLLARS.

A PATH FORWARD FOR THE UNITED STATES



THE U.S. NEEDS AN EFFICIENT PERMITTING PROCESS THAT STILL PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT WHILE STIMULATING JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.