ANEW MINING TAX REGIME FAIR FOR ALL

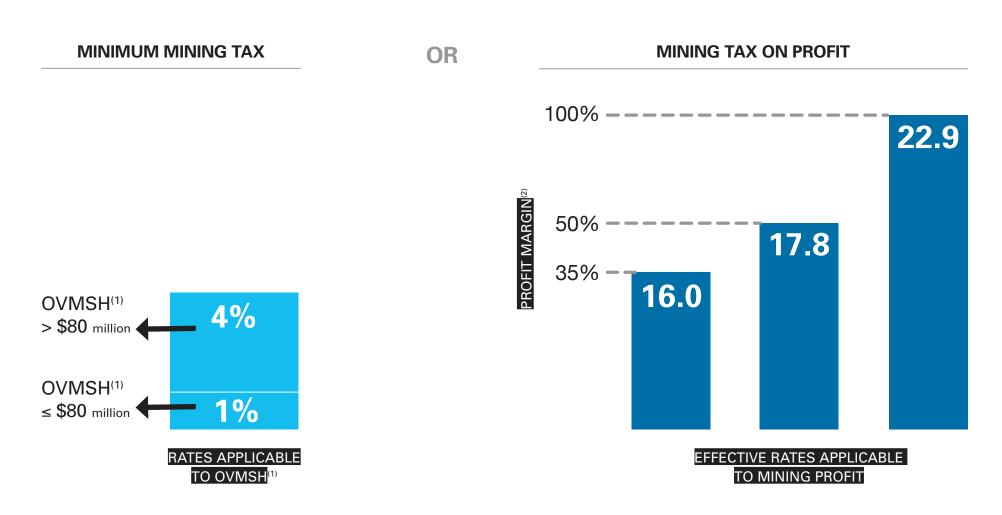
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CHARTS

ILLUSTRATION OF HOW THE NEW MINING TAX REGIME WORKS

(per cent)

MINING COMPANIES WILL PAY WHICHEVER OF THE FOLLOWING TWO AMOUNTS IS GREATER:



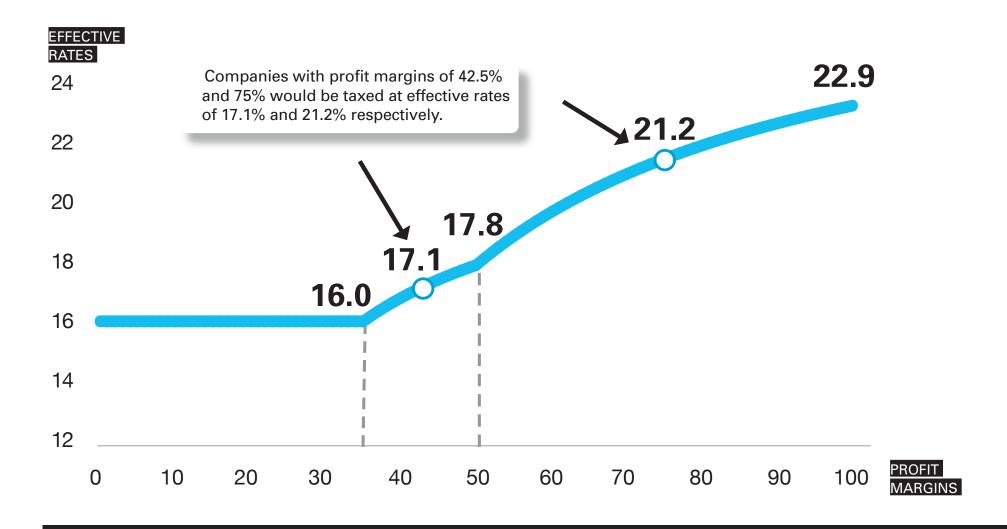
⁽¹⁾ OUTPUT VALUE AT THE MINE SHAFT HEAD.



⁽²⁾ PROFIT MARGIN: OPERATOR'S MINING PROFIT DIVIDED BY ITS GROSS VALUE OF ANNUAL PRODUCTION.

EFFECTIVE RATES OF THE MINING TAX ON PROFIT ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY'S PROFIT MARGIN

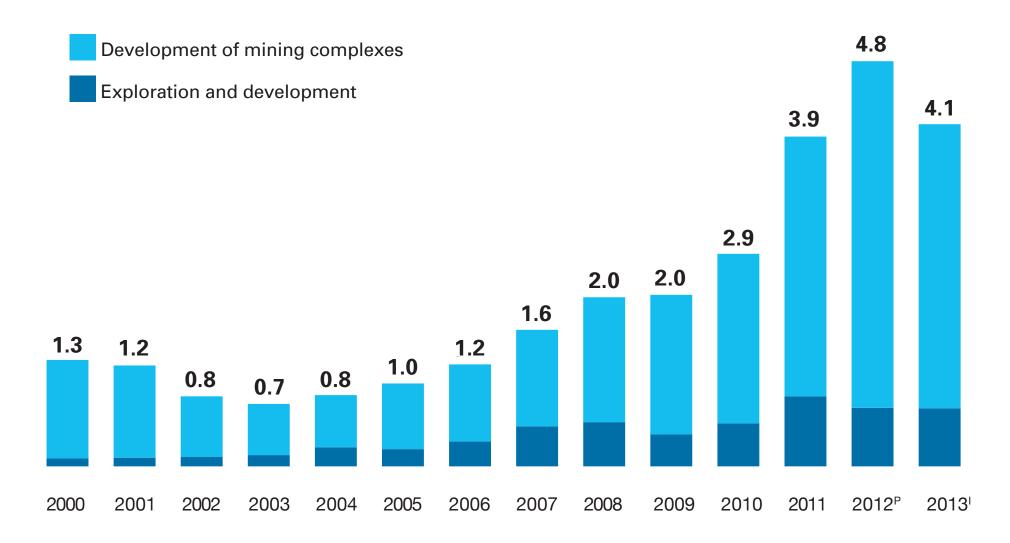
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CHANGES IN MINING INVESTMENTS

(billions of dollars)



SOURCE: INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC.



P: PROVISIONAL FIGURES.

I: INTENTIONS.