



Erdene Resource Development

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability



Rural students learning about mineral exploration at Erdene site

Erdene aims to make meaningful, lasting contributions to the communities that host its mineral exploration and development activities. Through regular engagement, community investments and ongoing evaluation, Erdene addresses community development needs and priorities as part of its core business operations.

Erdene pursues four basic community relations and sustainable development (CRSD) objectives through its minerals projects in Mongolia:

- Enhance educational opportunities
- Promote public health and well-being
- Improve basic livelihood security
- Practice responsible resource use

Erdene begins engaging with the community the earliest stages of prospecting and exploration at its project sites. Outreach in the community provides information about mineral exploration and environmental impacts, while addressing questions



Nomadic herders make up the majority of the population of rural Mongolia

and concerns from the general public. As the Zuun Mod project progressed towards pre-feasibility, Erdene proportionately expanded its CRSD activities in southwestern Mongolia.

Since January 2007, Erdene has invested an average of \$150,000 per year in CRSD in Mongolia, including direct costs and operations. Through on-going engagement and consultation with stakeholders at the local, regional and national levels, Erdene has positioned itself as a key partner in local socio-economic development.

Erdene's CRSD program helps cultivate the necessary enabling environment within which to advance Erdene's business objectives.



The Community Liaison Committee for Erdene's Zuun Mod project