# Canadian Geography - Grade 9, Academic

**Practice with the Sustainability Model**

**Case Study: Mining in Canada**

British Columbia signed an agreement that will see Canada's westernmost province share tax revenue from the mining industry with aboriginal groups. The agreement between the Canadian province and the Secwepemc First Nation was welcomed by the industry. It is hoped that the deal will improve relations between miners and First Nations people, making native Indian groups more receptive to mining activities on or near their lands. In the past, such mining activities have often been met with protests by Natives who felt it threatened the natural environment and their traditional way of life.

Over the life of the mine, which is currently under construction just outside the town of Kamloops, some $30 million is expected to flow to the two native bands. The revenue should improve the social and economic conditions on native Indian reserves.

**Analysis using your 3Ps model**

1. What is the **main problem** being discussed in this case study?
2. List the **stakeholders** in this issue.
3. What is the **solution** presented in this case study?
4. Do you think the solution is a **sustainable** one? Defend your answer using one example from each of your 3Ps.