



*Bunibonibee Cree Nation*  
P.O. Box 235  
Oxford House, Manitoba  
R0B-1C0

*Telephone: (204) 538-2282*  
*Fax : (204) 538-2147*

---

## **PRESS RELEASE**

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**February 16, 2018**

### **Bunibonibee Cree Nation and Altius Resources Inc. enter into landmark Exploration Agreement**

Oxford House, Manitoba – Bunibonibee Cree Nation is pleased to announce that it has entered into a mineral Exploration Agreement with Altius Resources Inc. (“Altius”) to promote a cooperative and mutually respectful relationship relating to mineral exploration activities undertaken by Altius in Bunibonibee Cree Nation’s territory.

As part of the Exploration Agreement, Bunibonibee gave its consent to Altius’ preliminary exploration activities related to Altius’ Lynx Project, the first diamond discovery in Manitoba. “We are supportive of mineral exploration in our territory if a company comes to us in a respectful way to seek our consent, and if the exploration is done in a responsible way,” said Chief Tim Muskego of Bunibonibee Cree Nation. Although common in other provinces and Territories, exploration agreements between mineral exploration companies and First Nations are relatively new in Manitoba. The leadership of Bunibonibee Cree Nation hopes this agreement will inspire other First Nations and mineral exploration companies to develop similarly productive relationships.

“This is good news for Bunibonibee Cree Nation, and it is good news for other First Nations in Manitoba who will now be able to follow our lead”, explained Chief Muskego. “This agreement protects our land, water and our treaty rights and it means we will be able to continue exercising our rights. Resource companies have to understand that when they come onto the land that we have inhabited for generations, it will only benefit them to work with us in good faith and to seek our consent. This Agreement is an example of a company doing exactly that.”

Chief Muskego noted that, “we are pleased that Altius was willing to work with us to craft an agreement that is respectful of our rights. Because of their respect and understanding, we can feel comfortable supporting their project. I encourage the Government of Manitoba and other mining and mineral exploration companies to look to this Agreement as an example of best practice going forward, as the mining industry in our territory continues to grow.”

The parties agreed to deal with each other openly, honestly, transparently and in good faith, and in a manner that respects the other’s needs and values.

Bunibonibee Cree Nation, formerly known as Oxford House First Nation, is a signatory to Treaty 5 adherence signed in 1909 and is located on the shore of Oxford Lake, about 950km northeast of Winnipeg.

###