



Sale/Investment Opportunity

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The St. Lawrence Fluorspar Mine in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada – formally, one of the few active producers of Acid Grade Fluorspar in North America

Key Features

- **Rare Opportunity**
 - ✓ One of the few fluorspar producers in North America.
 - ✓ Capable to export to both domestic and international markets.
- **Life of Mine**
 - ✓ Estimate of ore in AGS Vein is expected to operate for approximately 7 years.
 - ✓ Other fluorspar ore bodies are in the vicinity.
- **Quality**
 - ✓ Fluorspar deposits of St. Lawrence are known for accessibility, high grades and absences of impurities.
- **Easy Access to the Port**
 - ✓ Blue Beach Marine Terminal, 5 KMs from the mine site opened in July 2021.
 - ✓ Pier located in Marystown, NL approximately 40 KMs from the mine's site.
- **Critical Mineral**
 - ✓ Fluorspar is listed as one of North America's critical minerals.
 - ✓ An essential mineral to many industries including but not limited to: toothpaste, lithium ion batteries, solar panels, refrigeration and air conditioning, polymers for aerospace, automotive and electronics application, steel and aluminum production.
- **Development**
 - ✓ CAPEX, as of December 31, 2021, in excess of \$200 million.

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Company Overview

Canada Fluorspar Inc., Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc. and Newspaper [a general partnership] (collectively, “CFI” or the “**Company**”), is 100% owned by Golden Gate Capital (“**GGC**”), an American private equity firm, since 2014. The Company was developing the St. Lawrence Fluorspar Mine Project in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland and Labrador, to mine high-quality fluorspar ore from the AGS Vein to produce acid-grade fluorspar concentrate and export to domestic and international markets. This is known as the AGS Fluorspar Project, discovered in 2013.



The mine is designed to feed a maximum of 1,124,200 tonnes of ore per year to the Dense Media Separation (DMS) circuit over the remaining 7 years mining life in order to produce an average of 180,193 dry tonnes of CaF₂ concentrate. CFI have been active on exploration and evaluation of projects outside of the immediate AGS Fluorspar Project, which could be mined after the AGS ore has been exhausted.

Since 2018, shipments have been loaded from a pier in Marystown, NL. However, in July 2021, CFI loaded its first shipment from its new Blue Beach Marine Terminal, 5 kilometers from the mine site in St. Lawrence, to which CFI has full operating rights. The Blue Beach Marine Terminal is capable of handling vessels of 10,000 to 65,000 deadweight tonnage.

In addition to mine development at the AGS Fluorspar Project and the Marine Terminal at Blue Beach Cove, the Company also operates the following:



- A Mill Facility with a production capacity of up to 200,000 tonnes per year of acidspar concentrate;
- Infrastructure to support the mine and mill, including access roads, conveyors, an administration building, a warehouse and maintenance building, employee facilities, a concentrate storage building, a security building, and an electrical building; and
- A Tailings Management Facility to store 2.8 million tonnes of flotation tailings over the life of the AGS Fluorspar Project.



Furthermore, the Company has approval to utilize their aggregates for road construction in a few jurisdictions.

Industry Highlights

Fluorspar Acid Grade is a fine-grained material composed of 51.1% calcium and 48.9% fluorine. It is generally 97% - 99.9% calcium fluoride depending on the deposits, mining techniques and processing techniques. Fluorspar Acid Grade is a type of fluorspar. The purest grades of fluorite are a source of fluoride for hydrofluoric acid manufacture, which is the intermediate source of most fluorine-containing fine chemicals.

Fluorspar is used directly or indirectly to manufacture products such as aluminum, gasoline, insulating foams, refrigerants, steel, and uranium fuel. In addition, fluorspar is used in the chemical industry to manufacture hydrofluoric acid and is then used to manufacture a variety of products such as fluorocarbon chemicals, foam blowing agents, refrigerants, and a variety of fluoride chemicals.

An article from MarketWatch.com stated that in 2021, the global Fluorspar Acid Grade market size was USD \$1.388 billion, and it is expected to reach USD \$2.565 billion by the end of 2027, with a CAGR of 8.9% during 2021-2027.

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