

# Morien Provides Status Update on the Donkin Mine

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HALIFAX, Aug. 15, 2023 - [Morien Resources Corp.](#) ("Morien" or the "Company") (TSX-V:MOX), today provides an update on the Donkin Coal Mine ("Donkin" or the "Mine") in Nova Scotia, owned and operated by Kameron Collieries LLC ("Kameron"), upon which Morien has a 2% to 4% royalty interest. Today's news release follows Morien's news release issued on August 11, 2023, which discussed a recent Stop Work Order ("SWO") at the Donkin Mine ([click here](#)).

On August 15, 2023, Kameron made the decision to lay off a portion of its employees at the Mine for an indeterminate period of time pending the release of the SWO by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration ("DOL"), the province's regulator for the Mine.

SWO's are meant to be temporary in duration. However, the current SWO has been in place since July 15, 2023. DOL has given no indication of when it will be released, which prompted today's layoff decision. The timing for the release of the SWO is unknown as it depends on DOL's ability to timely assess the situation.

The SWO was put in place in response to a roof fall in one of Donkin's two access tunnels. The access tunnels were installed at Donkin in the late 1980's by DEVCO, a former federal Crown corporation. In keeping with Kameron's safety protocols, it made a proactive, internal decision to implement a comprehensive remediation program which included extensive roof bolting over the full length of the 3.5-kilometre-long access tunnel in order to safeguard against future falls. That program commenced on July 19 and ended on July 27.

While roof falls are not uncommon in underground mines, and while no Kameron workers were injured, nor any equipment damaged during the fall, the current SWO nonetheless remains in place, approximately one-month after the July 15, 2023, fall was reported and over two-weeks after the tunnel was refurbished and bolted.

Morien will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available.

## About Morien

Morien is a Canada based, mining development company that holds royalty interests in two tidewater accessed projects. The Donkin Coal Mine re-commenced production during the third quarter of 2022 and royalties to Morien have commenced. The Black Point Aggregate Project is permitted, and although production has not begun, Morien is receiving advanced minimum royalty payments on a quarterly basis. Morien's management team exercises ruthless discipline in managing both the assets and liabilities of the Company. The Company's management and its Board of Directors consider shareholder returns to be paramount over corporate size, number or scale of assets and industry recognition. The Company has 51,292,000 issued and outstanding common shares and a fully diluted position of 54,192,000 after taking into consideration the newly issued share options. Further information is available at [www.MorienRes.com](http://www.MorienRes.com).

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