

Press Release

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UM Engineering awarded a Canadian contract

Noranda Metallurgy-CCR Refinery, a subsidiary of the Canadian natural resource company Noranda Inc., has entrusted UM Engineering with the modernization of its copper electrolytic tankhouse located in Montreal-East.

This major project represents for Noranda an investment of CAD 124 million, of which one quarter is earmarked for the UM Engineering contract.

The project consists in installing an original automatic handling system based on the experience acquired by the Union Minière Group at its Olen refinery in Belgium. The system is to be integrated into the electrorefining process developed by Kidd Creek - Falconbridge in its Timmins plant.

In order to carry out the contract, the duration of which will be 28 months, UM Engineering has formed a temporary association with the engineering consultant Génivel - BPR, based in Quebec, with respect to the work that is to be effected in Canada.

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