



## **Value of NWT & Nunavut Mine Production in 2007**

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The value of mineral production in the NWT & Nunavut totaled \$1,525,300,000 during the calendar year 2007 according to recently obtained statistics from corporate and government sources. The Northwest Territories produced diamonds and tungsten concentrates during calendar year 2007 at a value of \$1,412,230,000 and \$17,875,000 respectively. Nunavut territory and its single diamond mine produced at a value of \$32,431,000. Quarry production for both the NWT and Nunavut was valued at \$4,440,000 for sand and gravel production of 567,000 tonnes and \$4,339,000 for stone production of 499,000 tonnes.

A total of three diamond mines and one tungsten mine were in production in the Northwest Territories, and production is reported as follows:

### ***Ekati Diamond Mine (BHP Billiton Plc)***

Ore Processed: 4,329,000 metric tonnes  
Diamonds Recovered: 4,581,100 carats

### ***Diavik Diamond Mine (Rio Tinto Plc / Harry Winston Diamond Corp)***

Ore Processed: 2,400,000 metric tonnes  
Grade: 4.97 carats per tonne  
Diamonds Recovered: 11,910,000 carats

### ***Snap Lake Diamond Mine (De Beers Canada Inc)***

Ore Processed: 113,000 short tons  
Diamonds Recovered: 81,000 carats

### ***Cantung Mine (North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd)***

Ore Processed: 370,514 short tons  
Grade: 1.18% tungsten oxides  
Tungsten Concentrates: 290,744 metric tonne units  
Recovery: 74.3%

One diamond mine was in production in Nunavut Territory in 2007 at the Jericho Diamond Mine, but ceased operations early in 2008 when the owners, Tahera Diamond Corporation, filed for bankruptcy protection.

### ***Jericho Diamond Mine (Tahera Diamond Corporation Ltd.)***

Ore Processed: 549,000 metric tonnes  
Grade: 0.69 carats per tonne  
Diamonds Recovered: 370,300 carats