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Mine Rescue Teams Demonstrate Skills during NWT Mining Week

(Yellowknife, NT – June 14, 2016) Highly trained northern mine rescue teams from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut demonstrated their skills in mock scenarios last week, ably demonstrating their preparedness should an accident occur. The event kicked off the annual NWT Mining Week, June 11-17.

Teams competed over two days within two broad categories, surface and underground, and in a variety of skill areas including fire fighting, rope rescue, smoke, and surface and underground obstacles. The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) sponsored and organized the competition. From the NWT, Ekati sent two teams (surface and underground), and Diavik and Gahcho Kué each sent single teams. Representing Nunavut were the Meadowbank and Hope Bay teams. Both Gahcho Kué and Hope Bay are under construction, and this is the first time they have sent teams to the competition.

Winners were announced at the awards banquet on Saturday night. Top honours went to the Ekati Diamond Mine, which took home both the Overall Surface and the Overall Underground trophies. Other winners were:

Event

First Aid
Surface Practical Bench
Fire Fighting
Rope Rescue
Surface Written Test
Underground Written Test
Surface Smoke
Underground Smoke
Underground Bench/Field Test
Surface Obstacle/Extrication
Underground Obstacle
Bench Tech

Overall Surface

Overall Underground

Top Team

Meadowbank Gold Mine
Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine
Ekati Diamond Mine – Underground Team
Ekati Diamond Mine – Surface Team
Ekati Diamond Mine
Diavik Diamond Mine
Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine
Diavik Diamond Mine
Ekati Diamond Mine
Ekati Diamond Mine
Hope Bay Gold Mine
Gordon Zdyb, Ekati Diamond Mine

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The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines and its mining members organized the Miners' Picnic and the public were invited to watch the competition and to partake in a free community BBQ. Free food and family activities combined with spectacular weather made for a fantastic event, and at a great new venue, the Yellowknife Multiplex/Fieldhouse site. See some photos at www.miningnorth.com.

For more information on the NWT and Nunavut mining industries, please visit the website at www.miningnorth.com or contact Tom Hoefer, Executive Director at Tel: 867-873-5281 or email: executivedirector@miningnorth.com.