



Value of NWT & Nunavut Mine Production in 2009

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The value of mineral production in the NWT & Nunavut totaled \$1,509,600,000 during the calendar year 2009 according to recently obtained statistics from corporate and government sources. The Northwest Territories produced diamonds and tungsten concentrates during calendar year 2009 at a value of \$1,447,940,000 and \$50,100,000 respectively. Nunavut Territory did not produce any minerals during the year. Quarry production for the NWT was valued at \$1.8 million for sand and gravel production of 268,000 tonnes and \$9.8 million for stone production of 649,000 tonnes.

A total of three diamond mines and one tungsten mine were in production in the Northwest Territories during 2009:

Ekati Diamond Mine (BHP Billiton Plc.)

Ore Processed: 5,099,000 metric tonnes
Diamonds Recovered: 4,242,500 carats

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

Ore Processed: 2,680,000 metric tonnes
Diamonds Recovered: 5,500,000 carats

Snap Lake Diamond Mine (De Beers Canada Inc.)

Ore Processed: 354,500 metric tonnes
Diamonds Recovered: 443,500 carats

Cantung Mine (North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.)

Ore Processed: 320,940 short tons
Grade: 1.07% tungsten oxides
Tungsten Concentrates: 247,657 metric tonne units
Recovery: 75.33%

* Cantung ceased production October 15, 2009

Four proposed mines are at various stages within the NWT permitting process. These include: **Gacho'Kue** (De Beers Canada Inc.), diamonds; **NICO** (Fortune Minerals Ltd.), gold/copper/cobalt/bismuth; **Ormsby** (Tyhee Development Corporation), gold; and **Prairie Creek** (Canadian Zinc Corporation), lead/zinc/silver.

There were no producing mines in Nunavut Territory during 2009. One gold mine, Agnico-Eagle's Meadowbank mine, was commissioned during February and March 2010.

Three proposed mines are at various stages within the Nunavut permitting process. These include: **Hope Bay** (Newmont Mining Corporation), gold; **Kiggavik** (Areva Canada Inc.), uranium; and **Mary River** (Baffinland Iron Mines Ltd.), iron ore.