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### **Explorers and Miners Raise Almost \$40,000 for Nunavut Literacy**

A charity auction held Wednesday night raised over \$30,000 for the Nunavut Literacy Council. De Beers Canada sponsored the evening which saw donated items from mining, exploration and service companies and organizations auctioned off to support literacy in Nunavut. Chantal Lavoie, Vice President of NWT Projects with De Beers said; “De Beers is very pleased to contribute to an event to promote literacy. Literacy and education development are key elements of De Beers commitment to communities.”

The animated auctioneer, Mike Olson of First Air, made sure that donated items went for great prices but also sweetened the deals with several trips, courtesy of the airline.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Geoscience Forum Gala was held following the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines Annual General Meeting.

Tahera Diamond Corporation donated a diamond which was raffled for the cause. Over \$7500 was raised during the raffle which was drawn on Thursday afternoon at the Geoscience Forum Trade Show. Greg Missal, Vice President of Tahera and Charlie Lyall, of Kitikmeot Development Corporation were on hand to make the draw. The winner of the beautiful 0.6 carat Tahera diamond, mined in Nunavut, was Mark Owens of Winnipeg.

Lou Covello, President of the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines said; “Our organization is very pleased to be associated with a cause that is so critical to the well-being of northern communities. We are grateful to have dedicated people like Morag Howell, who organized the auction, working in our industry. Morag and her dedicated team of volunteers did a great job.”

Proceeds are not all in yet but will total approximately \$40,000.