



## News Release November 22, 2007

### **Northwest Territories and Nunavut Chamber of Mines Annual General Meeting Yellowknife, Northwest Territories November 21, 2007**

At its annual general meeting held last night in Yellowknife, the Chamber added two new Directors to its Board and returned 20 who have served previously.

The new Directors are:

Barry McCallum of Areva Resources based in Saskatoon and  
Jon Jaque of Cascom Ltd. of Yellowknife

Returning members of the Board are:

#### Executive

President: Lou Covello, Geological Consultant, Yellowknife  
Vice President Nunavut: John Laitin, Miramar Mining, Vancouver  
Vice President NWT: Trevor Teed, Whitebeach Point Exploration, Yellowknife  
Secretary: Richard Morland, BHP Billiton Ekati Diamond Mine, Yellowknife  
Treasurer: Gord Clarke, North Arrow Minerals, Yellowknife

#### NWT Directors

Lane Dewar, Cassidy Point Exploration, Yellowknife  
Robin Goad, Fortune Minerals, London, Ontario  
Tom Hoefler, Diavik Diamond Mine, Yellowknife  
Chris Hrkas, GGL Diamonds, Yellowknife  
John Kearney, Canadian Zinc, Toronto  
Hugh Wilson, Tyhee Development, Edmonton  
Chantal Lavoie, De Beers Canada, Yellowknife  
Randy Turner, Diamondex Resources, Vancouver  
David Webb, Tyhee Development, Vancouver

### Nunavut Directors

Barry McCallum, Areva Resources, Saskatoon  
Denise Lockett, Consultant, Vancouver  
Greg Missal, Tahera Diamond Corporation, Toronto  
Jennifer Pell, Peregrine Diamonds, Vancouver  
Pamela Strand, Shear Minerals, Edmonton  
Hamish Tatty, M & T Enterprises, Rankin Inlet  
Eira Thomas, Stornoway Diamonds, Vancouver

President Lou Covello acknowledged the passing of an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Chamber, Mr. Shorty Brown, who was a tremendous contributor to the Chamber of Mines, the northern exploration and mining industry and the communities of the NWT and Nunavut through his efforts to promote sports. Mr. Covello also acknowledged the passing of two exemplary northern pilots: Duncan Grant and Willie Lazarich, both whom were well known and respected by members of the exploration industry.

Mr. Covello reported on the challenges facing the industry in spite of high mineral prices: a complex and costly regulatory system a growing alienation of land from mineral exploration and the challenges of a small organization trying to serve two large and increasingly diverse territories.

Mr. Tony Keen of Vancouver was inducted as an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Chamber for his significant contribution to the northern mining industry. Mr. Keen served as manager of three northern mines, Con, Pine Point, and Polaris. Since his retirement from Cominco he has worked as a consultant on mining and northern infrastructure projects. Most recently, he consulted to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association as project manager on the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project. He has served in all three northern territories as well as Greenland and has been recognized as a northern mining expert by the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Petroleum. Mr. Keen understood the importance of aboriginal relations and environmental issues long before they were more generally recognized and has been a leader in building community relations. Mike Vaydik, in recognizing Mr. Keen's many contributions, identified Mr. Keen as a fine ambassador for the northern mining industry.

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