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Come Celebrate Mining Week 2012!

On June 12, NWT Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Dave Ramsey officially announced June 11-16, 2012 as Northwest Territories Mining Week.

During NWT Mining Week we celebrate all the tremendous efforts of our workers and companies to support our important exploration and mining industry. Their hard work continues to keep our industry strong. As the largest private sector contributor to the NWT's economy, our industry supports thousands of jobs at the mines, and spends several hundred millions of dollars every year to operate the mines.

It's worth celebrating and we invite you to join us this week for two big events in Yellowknife:

- On June 15 & 16, mines from three territories will be competing in the **Annual Mine Rescue Championship**. The events will be held outside of the Yellowknife Community Arena. Come watch highly trained mine rescue workers from three territories perform simulated rescues in a variety of challenging exercises.
- On June 16, at the same location from noon until 3 PM, bring your family to enjoy the **FREE Annual Miners' Picnic**. There will be a free BBQ, face painting, arts and crafts, rock bingo and more at the Yellowknife Community Arena Parking Lot. Northern radio station, Mix 100 will be live on location to help spread the message.

NWT Mining Week, the Miners' Picnic, and the Annual Mine Rescue Competition are supported by our northern Workers Safety and Compensation Commission, our operating mines – BHP Billiton's Ekati Mine, Rio Tinto and Harry Winston's Diavik Diamond Mine, and De Beers' Snap Lake Mine – and the NWT Nunavut Chamber of Mines. We are very appreciative of their contributions. We also thank all of the mines that sent their teams to represent the NWT, Nunavut and Yukon at the Mine Rescue Competition.

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