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Chamber Receives Mining Award at Nunavut Mining Symposium

Iqaluit, NU (April 20, 2012) At the Nunavut Mining Symposium Gala Awards Dinner last night, the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines was honoured to receive the **“Mining Symposium Organization of the Year Award for 2012”**. This award recognizes the contribution of a government or organization to the advancement of the mining industry in Nunavut.

Gordon MacKay, Assistant Deputy Minister for the Government of Nunavut Department of Economic Development and Transportation presented the award. “In the opening address of the Mining Symposium on Monday night, Premier Aariak emphasized the need for dialogue between industry and the Government as we work together to build a strong minerals industry that provides opportunities to Nunavummiut and is attractive to investors. The Premier stated that that dialogue needs to occur early, be open and cooperative,” said Mr. MacKay. “This past year the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines opened an office here in Iqaluit that has gone a great distance in facilitating that dialogue.”

Chamber President Pamela Strand and General Manager – Nunavut, Elizabeth Kingston were invited to receive the award. “We’re very pleased to accept this award in recognition of our industry’s efforts in Nunavut”, Ms. Strand said. “Establishing the Iqaluit office has provided an opportunity to market and support our industry closer to where so much exploration and development activity is currently taking place.”

The Nunavut Mining Symposium (www.nunavutminingsymposium.ca) brings together mining industry representatives, businesses, various levels of government, Inuit organizations, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges facing the sector in Nunavut. The 2012 event, held in Iqaluit, April 16 – 19, 2012 hosted record-breaking attendance with participants from around the world.

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