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NWT Minerals Industry Congratulates Government on first ever NWT Mineral Strategy

(Yellowknife, NT – November 21, 2013) The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines congratulates the NWT Government on their release of the first dedicated *NWT Mineral Development Strategy* for the Northwest Territories (NWT).

"This Strategy is an important step forward for exploration and mining in the NWT and for the many NWT residents who have enjoyed the benefits of a healthy economy underpinned by mining," said Brooke Clements, newly elected President of the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines. "The NWT government is establishing a strong foundation that will position them well to create a strong and vibrant mineral exploration and development sector in the NWT for many years to come."

The NWT Mineral Development Strategy focuses on five key areas that will help attract investment, ensure the environment is protected, and strengthen the socio-economic opportunities for the NWT and its residents:

- Creating a Competitive Edge
- Establishing a New Regulatory Environment for the NWT
- Enhancing Aboriginal Engagement and Capacity
- Promoting Sustainability
- Enriching Workforce Development and Public Awareness

Developed with contributions from the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines, the NWT Mineral Development Strategy looks to the participation of not only the NWT minerals industry but also Aboriginal groups and local governments and communities in revitalizing the industry and encouraging new investment. An implementation plan is under development that will outline detailed actions the Government of the NWT will undertake to ensure the goals of the NWT Mineral Development Strategy are realized. The plan will be released in early 2014.

For a copy of the strategy, click here: <u>Mineral Development Strategy</u>. For a copy of the NWT Government's news release, click <u>here</u>.

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