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56th Annual Northern Mine Rescue Competition Another Success

Yellowknife, NT (June 17, 2013) Highly trained northern mine rescue teams from the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon showed their skills in mock scenarios last week, ably demonstrating their preparedness should an accident occur.

Top honours went to Dominion Diamond Corporation – Ekati, which took home both the Overall Surface and the Overall Underground trophies in this year’s competition.

Over the two-day competition, seven teams from six mines elected to demonstrate within two broad categories: surface and underground, and in a variety of skill areas including fire fighting, rope rescue, smoke, and surface and underground obstacles.

Sponsored by the Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC), the event is held as part of NWT Mining Week in Yellowknife. Winners of the Competition were announced at the wind up awards banquet on Saturday night.

All of the mine rescue team members are winners, said Chamber of Mines President Cathie Bolstad, “Their skills are critical and the dedication to safety and to excellence in competition is something all team members can be proud of.”

“I congratulate all the teams on their level of excellence,” said Peter Bengts, WSCC Chief Inspector of Mines. “They know what to do in the event of an emergency. The northern mining community can be confident we are in good hands.”

| Event | Top Team |
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| First Aid | Snap Lake Diamond Mine |
| Surface Practical Bench | Diavik Diamond Mine |
| Fire Fighting | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Rope Rescue | Meadowbank |
| Surface Written Test | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Underground Written Test | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Surface Smoke | Meadowbank |
| Underground Smoke | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Underground Bench/Field Test | Diavik Diamond Mine |
| Surface Obstacle/Extrication | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Underground Obstacle | Diavik Diamond Mine |
| Overall Surface | Ekati Diamond Mine |
| Overall Underground | Ekati Diamond Mine |

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