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News item

Yellowknife, NT – Diavik Completes Successful Winter Road Resupply

Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., operator of the Diavik Diamond Mine in Canada's Northwest Territories, is pleased to report its 2009 winter road resupply was successfully completed March 22. The road was officially closed March 25 with all users completing their seasonal resupply.

With no all-season road access, Diavik resupplies the Diavik Diamond Mine via a seasonal ice road, open each year for approximately two months. Similar to previous years, the 2009 winter road opened February 1.

This year, Diavik trucked 2,779 loads (91,362 tonnes) of fuel, cement, explosives, equipment, and other materials, over the winter road. Overall, colder winter temperatures resulted in excellent ice conditions which allowed all users to truck a total of 5,377 loads (173,195 tonnes) over the 2009 winter road. Diavik was the largest single user of the 2009 winter road.

The Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road, managed by a joint venture committee, which includes Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. and De Beers Canada Inc., is committed to constructing, operating, and maintaining the winter road in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. More information on the winter road can be found at: <http://jvtcwinterroad.ca/>.

The Diavik Diamond Mine is located 300 km. northeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and is an unincorporated joint venture between DDMI (60%) and Harry Winston Diamond Mines Ltd. (40%). Both companies are headquartered in Yellowknife, Canada. DDMI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc of London, England, and Harry Winston Diamond Mines Ltd. is wholly owned by Harry Winston Diamond Corporation of Toronto, Canada. DDMI is the operator of the project. For further information contact Doug Ashbury, Acting Principal Adviser, Communications at Tel: (867) 669-6525, or visit the DDMI website at www.diavik.ca.

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