

**ENERGY, MINES & RESOURCES MINISTER ARCHIE LANG
SPEAKING POINTS**

PDAC – YUKON GOVERNMENT RECEPTION

Monday, March 6, 2006

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Fairmont Royal York, New Brunswick Room, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

- I want to welcome you here this afternoon to this Yukon reception and thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules.
- The purpose of our reception is two-fold.
- First we want to encourage you to consider us in your exploration plans by telling you a bit about the Yukon.
We have:
 - diverse geology and exceptional mineral wealth
 - an integrated regulatory environment and supportive permitting process
 - a unique community
 - and we are continually working to improve our investment climate.

- Our second purpose is to hear from you.
- We want to hear how we can improve our investment attractiveness and make Yukon an even better place to do business.
- Your ranking of the Yukon is naturally important to us.
- Be assured, the Yukon is open for business.
- Our government supports mineral development.
- My department, Energy, Mines and Resources, is relatively new since taking over responsibility from Canada in 2003 for mining, forestry and crown land management.
- But we have made significant strides in the few years, since becoming responsible for our own resources.
- And we are committed to continuing down that path.
- I encourage you to visit our booth at 528, to talk to us in person and see what we have to offer.

- I'd now like to introduce you to senior mining officials from Energy, Mines and Resources who have put together the presentation.
- Lois Craig, Assistant Deputy Minister
- Grant Abbott, Director of the Yukon Geological Survey
- Bob Holmes, Director of Mineral Resources
- Kevin Brewer, Manager of Mineral Development
- Geoff Bradshaw, Mineral Assessment Geologist

In addition, I want to introduce Claire Derome, Executive Director of the Yukon Placer Secretariat.

And Ken Galambos, Senior Business Development Advisor from the Department of Economic Development.

And on that note I'll now ask Lois Craig to the podium.