



## **Media Release**

### **40 years of Mine Rescue Competitions!**

**Yellowknife, NT (Friday, June 2, 2006)** – The Workers' Compensation Board of the NWT and Nunavut is proud to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mine Rescue Competition occurring on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

Capping off five days of exciting Mining Week Activities starting Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>, the competition will test the mine rescue skills of three competing mines: BHP Ekati, Diavik Diamond Mine and Tahara's Jericho Diamond Mine.

The teams will go head to head eight events: Practical Bench, Underground Bench, First Aid, Fire, Rope Rescue, Smoke, Obstacle/Extrication, and the Underground Obstacle task. Each of the events, ranging from simulated disasters to checking safety equipment, are judged by two to six judges, with the overall winner going on to compete in the Western Regional Mine Rescue Competition held in Fernie, BC in September 2007.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. The competition starts at 9am and continues to 4:30pm, coinciding with the NWT Chamber of Mines' family barbeque.

The Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut sponsors the annual Mine Rescue Competition as part of its mandate to promote safe work practices in all Northern workplaces.

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