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MINISTER LANG EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR MONEY RAISED

WHITEHORSE – Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang is pleased to announce that the final amount raised for two local charities at the Energy and Mines Ministers’ Conference in Whitehorse is close to \$12,000.

“I would like to thank all of the Energy and Mines Ministers, delegates, businesses and associations that graciously donated items for our live and silent auctions,” Lang said. “I would also like to commend everyone who helped us raise money by bidding on these items.”

The final item, a stone carving donated by the Government of Nunavut, was auctioned off at the closing barbeque on Tuesday evening. This brought the total amount raised for the United Way Society of the Yukon and the Geoff Bradshaw Scholarship to just under \$12,000. Every province and territory donated items including a *Corner Gas* hockey jersey with a photograph signed by the cast of the television series (Saskatchewan); a lobster and mussel feast for ten (Nova Scotia); and, an Edmonton Oilers jersey signed by the entire team (Alberta).

“In addition to donating items to the auction, I would also like to thank local volunteers who helped us with other aspects of the auction, such as Dave Sloan of the United Way Society of the Yukon, who kindly performed as our auctioneer,” Lang added.

Many corporate sponsors helped out by sponsoring the opening reception and banquets. Thanks go to BP, Energy Dialogue Group, Teck Cominco, TransCanada, ConocoPhillips, Canadian Centre for Energy Information, Enbridge, Pacifica Resources Ltd. and Yukon Zinc Corporation for their support.

Several conference delegates including the President of the Mining Association of Canada were in Dawson City yesterday for a tour of the Ross Mine, one of the largest placer mines in the Klondike. The mine tour was hosted by Jon Rudolph, whose company acquired the Ross Mine last year, with other guides provided by the Klondike Placer Miners Association.

Attachment: List of items donated for the auction.

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Attachment: List of Items Donated for the Auction

Live Auction Items

1. Reproduction titled “Walking Alone” by Ted Harrison (Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources)
2. Canadian Atlas (Natural Resources Canada)
3. Edmonton Oilers Jersey – signed by the 2006 Stanley Cup playoff team (Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club and Alberta Department of Energy)
4. A half inch Sterling Silver bracelet (British Columbia Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources)
5. Plaque of Canada made from granite quarried in Manitoba called Meditation Brown (Manitoba Department of Industry, Economic Development and Mines)
6. Carved loon decoy (New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy)
7. Hand painted, hand carved original artwork by Cara Kansala (Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources)
8. World famous birchbark basket from Fort Liard (Northwest Territories Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment)
9. Nova Scotian crystal – traditional mouth-blown, hand cut glassware (Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Department of Natural Resources)
10. Stone Carving of a bird (Government of Nunavut)
11. Original watercolour by Richard Edwards (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)
12. Lobster and mussel feast for ten (Prince Edward Island Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry)
13. Basket of maple syrup products from the region of Bas-Saint-Laurent (Quebec Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife)
14. Raku-fired ceramic piece by Melvyn Malkin (Saskatchewan Department of Industry and Resources)

Photos and descriptions of many of the above items are posted on the Energy and Mines Ministers’ Conference website at <http://www.emmc2006.ca/auction.html>.

Silent Auction Items

1. His and hers EMR golf shirts (Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources)
2. Yukon Chamber of Mines denim shirt, hat and reference book (Yukon Chamber of Mines)
3. Yukon Chamber of Mines vest, reference book and licence plate (Yukon Chamber of Mines)
4. Insulated denim jacket (Yukon Electrical Company Ltd.)
5. “The Yukon” by Pat and Baiba Morrow (Mac’s Fireweed Books)
6. Yukon Electrical fleece vest with thermos (Yukon Electrical Company Ltd.)
7. Yukon Electrical fleece vest with thermos (Yukon Electrical Company Ltd.)
8. His and hers Yukon tartan ties (Whitehorse General Store)
9. Women’s soft shell jacket (Cement Association of Canada)
10. Men’s ProMax jacket with Maglite (TransCanada)
11. Stormtech jacket with Maglite (TransCanada)
12. Glass chess set (Trans Canada)
13. Golf package for her – Callaway balls, shirt, ball cleaner and fleece blanket (TransCanada)
14. Golf package for him – Callaway balls, shirt, ball cleaner and fleece blanket (TransCanada)
15. Alexco fleece jacket and hat (Alexco Resource Corp.)
16. Alexco jacket (Alexco Resource Corp.)
17. Alexco parka (Alexco Resource Corp.)

18. Jim Robb print (Midnight Sun)
19. Artwork (Mining Association of Canada)
20. Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) reversible vest and hat (TSX Group)
21. TSX reversible vest and hat (TSX Group)
22. TSX Roots warm-up jacket (TSX Group)
23. TSX Roots warm-up jacket with pen (TSX Group)
24. "The Peace: an exploration in photographs" by Donald A. Petit (British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources)
25. Unframed Print (North End Gallery)
26. Artwork (DeBeers)
27. Limited Edition: framed explorer stamps (Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada)
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30. DVD player (ConocoPhillips Canada)
31. Globe of semi-precious stones, vest and a 128 MB USB flash drive (Canadian Association of Petroleum Products)
32. Jacket, vest and hat (Saskatchewan Mining Association)
33. Golf shirt, wind shirt, hat and divot repair tool (Saskatchewan Mining Association)
34. Corner Gas hockey jersey and signed cast photograph (Government of Saskatchewan)
35. Limited edition print (Northwestel)
36. Energy, Mines and Ministers Conference 2006 Fleece Vest (Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources)
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38. Artwork (Ducks Unlimited)
39. "Muskwa-Kechika: The Wild Heart of Canada's Northern Rockies" by Wayne Sawchuk (British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources)