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News item

Diavik team wins mine rescue competition

Yellowknife, NT – Diavik’s mine rescue team has won the overall underground competition at the 9th Western Regional Surface and Underground Mine Rescue Competition held in Fernie, B.C. This is the first time our team has won the overall underground competition at the western regional event and comes on the heels of the team’s overall win at the recent territorial mine rescue competition.

Our mine rescue team placed first in the fire event, and won the overall underground event with the most total points from the underground obstacle, underground written, smoke problem, bench technician, first aid, and practical skills events. Our team competed against nine other teams from western Canada and the northwestern United States.

“The team worked very hard to reach this level of competition. To win the overall underground at the western regional demonstrates their high degree of skill, spirit, and enthusiasm. I congratulate them on their excellent performance and applaud our entire emergency response team who train rigorously year-round to keep our mine and workers safe. The Ekati team is also to be congratulated for placing first in the underground written event at the western regional,” said Diavik President and Chief Operating Officer Kim Truter.

Diavik’s 2009 mine rescue team included Captain Kelsey Loessl, Vice Captain Brad Rogers, members Yuri Kinakin, Erika Tamboline, Nathan Pitre, Chris Ethier, Jesse Lepine, Matt Reed, Coach John Arnold, and Diavik Emergency Response Team Coordinator Alex Clinton. The Diavik ERT, with over 50 members, includes volunteers from across our mine site workforce.

“The team built on the base they had established to win at the territorial level and really refined their skills leading up to the Western Regional. The results are impressive,” said Rob Close, Diavik Superintendent of Health and Safety.

The Western Regional Mine Rescue Competition is held every two years in Fernie, B.C. and hosts winning teams from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, the territories, and the northwestern states (Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota).

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 Limited Partnership (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 Limited Partnership is a subsidiary of Harry Winston Diamond Corporation of Toronto, Canada. For further information contact Doug Ashbury, Acting Principal Adviser, Communications at Tel: (867) 669-6500, or visit the DDMI website at www.diavik.ca.

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