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News item

Diavik supports local coast guard auxiliary

Yellowknife, NT – Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc., operator of the Diavik Diamond Mine, is pleased to announce \$30,000 in funding for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary's Yellowknife Marine Rescue Unit. The funding will assist the local coast guard auxiliary in their efforts to upgrade their search and rescue watercraft.

The upgraded vessel, which will include transfer of self-righting equipment and engines, along with state of the art navigation, will cost approximately \$140,000. In addition to Diavik, funding support for the new vessel includes a donation through the Gary Robinson Memorial Fund, a fund administered by the Yellowknife Community Foundation, and other fundraising initiatives and partnerships with local organizations including Tli Cho Landtran which is donating the transportation.

"At Diavik, we support safety at work, at home and in the community," said Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. President Marc Cameron. "The Coast Guard Auxiliary is very much like our mine site emergency response team, always there to help if needed and with this in mind, we are pleased to support this initiative. It is also very pleasing to see one of our key business partners, Tli Cho Landtran assisting in this project," he added.

"The Yellowknife Marine Rescue Unit is pleased to be partnering with Diavik, an organization well known for its commitment to safety. We are looking forward to the opportunities of joint training with the Diavik mine rescue team and the enhanced boating safety awareness in the local communities that this will bring," said Unit Leader Brian McShane.

The Yellowknife Marine Rescue Unit includes approximately 30 volunteers who respond to emergencies on Great Slave Lake over a 16 week on-call period during summer. They conduct emergency preparedness training in the off season and have been first responders for 31 years. The new vessel will be a nine metre craft with a welded aluminium hull and is expected to be delivered in May 2014.



Presenting the donation are Seth Bohnet, left, and Winter Haley, right, with Shawn Talbot of Tli Cho Landtran, Brian McShane of the Coast Guard, YCF board member Mike Vaydik, Cheryl Robinson-Houweling and Marvin Robinson representing the Robinson family, YCF board member Robert O'Rourke, and Pamela Naylor of the Coast Guard. Materials from the existing vessel, pictured and ready to ship to BC, will be transferred to the new search and rescue craft.

The Diavik Diamond Mine, located 300 km. northeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, is a Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (60%) and Dominion Diamond Diavik Limited Partnership (40%) unincorporated joint venture. Both companies are located in Yellowknife, Canada. DDMI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc and Dominion Diamond Diavik Limited Partnership is wholly owned by Dominion Diamond Corporation. For further information contact Doug Ashbury, Adviser Communications (867) 669-6500 or visit diavik.ca.
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