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YMTA Brings Message to Industry that We Are Ready to Train

Whitehorse: The Yukon Mine Training Association is preparing for its next board meeting January 27th which will be held in Vancouver in conjunction with Roundup, the world's premier technical mineral exploration conference, hosted by the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC).

“YMTA is pleased to be attending Roundup this year where we will be delivering the message that we are fully prepared to address the industry's training needs,” explains Bill Dunn, YMTA Chair. “We now have most of our funding in place, our office is staffed and we are delivering training advice and programs with our partners.”

Here is a sample of YMTA's recent accomplishments and activities:

- Financial support of \$25,000 to Skills Canada: Yukon. This funding will help them put on Yukon's biggest ever Skills Competition to be held at Yukon College on April 4, 2008. The event works to inspire and support youth who choose the trades as a career path.
- \$60,000 to KPMA for a two-phase project that includes the development and implementation of a comprehensive safety program for the Yukon Placer Industry.
- The development of an Exploration Safety Program, emergency response system, standard gear and awareness program for exploration companies operating in the Yukon.
- While in Vancouver YMTA will also be meeting with North West Community College and BCIT about bringing more courses to the Yukon.

Yukon Mine Training Association is a partnership between the Yukon's mining and related resource industries and First Nations for the purposes of maximizing employment

opportunities that are emerging in the North. The YMTA will work towards increasing the profile of employment and opportunities in the mining sector, assist in attraction and retention in the work force, and facilitate the delivery of targeted skills and training programs. YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered to national standards.

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