

## **Kitikmeot Corporation Visits Diavik Diamond Mine**

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On September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Kitikmeot Corporation conducted two separate tours of area mines. Diavik Diamond Mine was visited on day one, and the following day we toured Jericho (Tahera's Diamond Mine) and the Lupin Mine (not currently operative).

Our trip to the Diavik Mine Site was to tour the site, but also to visit some of the areas where work is in progress by Kitikmeot Cementation Mining & Development (KCMD). An opportunity to actually go underground, and see this work firsthand, will be provided on future tours when the tour group is smaller.

The tour was very successful, with attendance by such key individuals as Premier Paul Okalik, Minister Ed Picco (Education), Minister Olayuk Akesuk (Economic Development & Transportation), Donald Haviyok (President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association) Charlie Lyall (President of Kitikmeot Corporation), Peter Taptuna (Chair of Kitikmeot Corporation), Keith Peterson (MLA, Cambridge Bay), Roy Slack (President of both KCMD and Cementation Canada), and Tom Ruth (President, Canadian Airlines).

Eric Christensen (Manager, Business Services) and Glenn Zelinski (Manager, Community Investment Projects), both with Diavik, provided us with an exceptional day; very informative and greatly enjoyed by all. In the evening, we convened for a group dinner, at which the President and CEO of Diavik, Mark Anderson, was present. Tour participants greatly appreciated the opportunity meet him.

This tour was a great opportunity to view current mine development, at the same time learning more about how the Kitikmeot Region is benefiting in terms of employment, training, and with respect to other economic impacts. Thanks very much to Diavik for the opportunity they provided. It is great to be so closely affiliated with them.

More information regarding KCMD and its establishment is available on this website.