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## News item

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### **Yellowknife, NT – Diavik completes winter road resupply**

Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., operator of the Diavik Diamond Mine in Canada's Northwest Territories, is pleased to report its 2011 winter road resupply was completed safely and successfully on March 27. The 2011 winter road opened January 28 and officially closed for the season on March 31. These dates are similar to previous years.

With no all-season road access, Diavik resupplies the Diavik Diamond Mine via a seasonal ice road open each year for approximately two months. This year, Diavik trucked 3,859 loads (approximately 127,000 tonnes) of fuel, cement, explosives, equipment, and other materials, over the winter road.

Cold winter temperatures resulted in excellent ice conditions for the duration of the winter road season. The three operating diamond mines and a few other third party users hauled a total of 6,832 loads northbound. Backhauls totalled 557 loads of equipment and other materials. Total tonnage hauled was approximately 239,000 tonnes.



Haul truck rock boxes on the winter road.

The Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road, managed by a joint venture committee, which includes Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. and De Beers Canada Inc., is committed to constructing, operating, and maintaining the winter road in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. More information on the winter road can be found at: <http://jvtcwinterroad.ca/>.

The Diavik Diamond Mine, located 300 km. northeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, 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 wholly owned by Harry Winston Diamond Corporation of Toronto, Canada. For further information contact Doug Ashbury, Adviser Communications at Tel: (867) 669-6525, or visit the DDMI web site at [www.diavik.ca](http://www.diavik.ca).

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