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Premier and ministers to connect with mining industry at Roundup

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent, Minister of Economic Development Currie Dixon, and Minister of Highways and Public Works Wade Istchenko will be leading the Yukon government delegation at the Mineral Exploration Roundup in Vancouver next week.

"Roundup is an important event where we are able to connect with key members of Yukon's mining industry and showcase Yukon's advantage as a place to do business," Pasloski said. "It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication, hard work and contribution the industry makes to Yukon's economy."

The annual event highlights exploration and geology primarily in Yukon, British Columbia and Alaska through technical talks, courses and poster sessions. Yukon government officials will also meet with several Yukon-based mining and exploration companies to discuss their plans for the upcoming year.

"It is important for members of the mining industry to be up-to-date on our geology and regulatory regime," Kent said. "Roundup is a prime opportunity to demonstrate that Yukon remains one of the world's best places to explore, develop and mine."

Geologists from the Yukon Geological Survey also play a prominent role in Yukon's presence at Roundup. In addition to hosting a dedicated venue to highlight their latest research, technical talks highlighting results of recent projects will be made to conference delegates. The conference also features a core shack, map tent and prospector room, where results from a number of exploration projects will be presented.

"At Roundup, there is always tremendous interest in Yukon," Dixon said. "We have incredible and largely unexplored geology and an investment climate that supports the expansion of our cornerstone industry."

The Mineral Exploration Roundup, organized by the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia, runs from January 27 to 30. At the 2013 event, 7,800 participants from 44 countries attended.

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