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All eyes on Yukon at the Mineral Exploration Roundup

WHITEHORSE—The successes and opportunities in Yukon's minerals industry are forefront at the annual Mineral Exploration Roundup Conference in Vancouver, January 24 to 27.

"The world is watching and we have a lot to be proud of," Premier Dennis Fentie said. "Yukon is one of the top jurisdictions in the world for mining and exploration and we are optimistic about the growth potential for this very important industry."

Fentie and Energy Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble are attending the Mineral Exploration Roundup to meet with industry stakeholders and showcase Yukon's minerals opportunities.

"We had a banner year with new mines commencing operation and unprecedented levels of exploration," Rouble said. "In addition to celebrating our success, we are working to ensure long term industry growth that will continue to provide important jobs and business opportunities for Yukoners."

The premier will host the annual Government of Yukon reception tonight. The reception invites conference participants to meet Yukon industry and government representatives and learn about Yukon's opportunities.

"Yukon's economy is one of the best in Canada, and the minerals industry is a cornerstone of that growth," Fentie said. "We are seeing the industry create many opportunities and benefits for Yukon residents, businesses and communities."

In 2010, a record 83,863 claims were staked in the territory and over \$150 million was spent in mineral exploration.

The Mineral Exploration Roundup, hosted by the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AMEBC) brings together organizations and people representing all components of the global mineral exploration and mining industry.

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