

Misery Project Update

Construction and Safety

Construction of the satellite camp facilities and stripping operations are currently underway at Misery and are being done safely, on budget and on time. At the end of March 2012, 269,000 hours had been logged on the project and have been done without any recordable injuries.

Congratulations to the BHP Billiton Project Team, Deton'cho Nahanni and Stantec for this remarkable safety achievement. You are all continually demonstrating that Zero Harm is a reality across our business.

In mid-April the new accommodation facilities were successfully commissioned. Construction staff, Tlichon Domco housekeeping and catering staff

have relocated to the Misery camp as we continue to advance the project in line with our Life of Mine plan.

Recruiting

BHP Billiton is actively recruiting across the North. The Human Resources Team recently visited Behchoko, Fort Smith, Gameti, Hay River, Inuvik, Lutsel k'e, Norman Wells, Wekweeti, and Whati in the Northwest Territories. We will continue working directly with our Impact Benefit Agreement and fly-point communities to encourage Northern Aboriginal and Northerners who are interested in potential employment with BHP Billiton EKATI Diamond Mine.

Resourcing the Future

Innovative resource development is one of our key business drivers.

Our commitment to building a sustainable future is demonstrated through our continual research into mining techniques and equipment that could unlock potential at EKATI. We recently purchased a HaulMAX 3900D - a proposed long haul truck to deliver kimberlite ore from Misery to the process plant.

Manufactured in Tasmania (Australia), this truck is the first of its kind in Canada. We will be thoroughly evaluating the truck for possible future use at EKATI. We will be looking at safety, travel cycle times, payload capacity and maintenance performance. This unit will also provide an opportunity to evaluate driver fatigue warning systems - quickly becoming an industry standard around the world. +



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