



## Media Release

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### ***Economic outlook conference announces panelists***

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 (TIMMINS) -Today, at the Chamber office, the Organizing Committee for the upcoming Timmins Regional Economic Outlook Conference (TREO) proudly announced the names of the conference panelists. The theme for TREO 2008 is "Get in the Know" and the event is organized around three panels, each with a diverse array of participants so as to give conference-goers a comprehensive overview of each sector. The following panelists will be featured at the May 28 conference:

#### **Forestry Panel**

Sue Millson, *Millson Forestry Service*  
John Kapel Jr., *Little John Enterprises*  
Dan Dedo, *Grant Forest Products*  
Kevin Mulligan, *Woodchuckers Manufacturing*  
Rob Tomchick, *AbitibiBowater*

#### **Development Panel**

Mark Jensen, *City of Timmins*  
J.P.Legault, *Panels and Pipes Inc.*

#### **Mining Panel**

Chris Cormier, *Goldcorp Canada*  
Terry DiTullio, *NorFab Metal and Machine*  
Peter Caldbick, *Golden Chalice Resources Inc.*  
Thompson Hickey, *Xstrata Copper*

TREO will also include presentations from City of Timmins Mayor Tom Laughren, Ellen Sinclair from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Dave McGirr from the Timmins Economic Development Corporation.

"We are delighted to announce this fantastic group of speakers", stated Organizing Committee Co-Chair Debbie Browne, "and we are confident that each panel will give conference participants solid insight into what we can expect in the future, not only from the larger industry representatives, but also from the businesses that work directly and indirectly with these large industries."

Chamber President Marilyn Wood added “With such a strong local economy right now, this is the time to plan for sustainable economic development to continue into the future. It will be interesting to see what our local businesses are forecasting for their own operations and what they expect the future to hold”.

Registration for the event is \$99 for chamber members, \$129 for future chamber members and \$50 for students. Booths can also be booked by organizations wishing to showcase their services to conference participants. For more information, or to register for the Timmins Regional Economic Outlook conference, contact the Chamber office at 360.1900 or visit [www.timminschamber.on.ca/treocom.htm](http://www.timminschamber.on.ca/treocom.htm).

### **About TREO 2008**

TREO is a biannual conference planned and designed by business people, for business people. This year’s event will take place on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Northern College. Its objective is to help businesses identify opportunities and access the resources necessary for growth, expansion and continued success in northeastern Ontario. As the theme for TREO 2008, “Get in the Know” implies, this event is intended to give businesses an inside edge on the developments in our region’s business environment.

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