



## Media Release

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### ***For Immediate Release***

### ***“Golden” mining lineup announced for TREO***

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (TIMMINS) - TREO promises to be an informative and interesting event for its 2008 edition. Today, the organizing committee announced the delegates who will participate on the conference's mining panel. Attendees will be able to *“Get in the Know”* - the theme for this year's conference - with a lineup of high calibre speakers.

The TREO organizing committee proudly announced the representatives who will participate on the mining panel for the May 28<sup>th</sup> event. The format for the panel will allow for each representative to make a presentation, which will be followed by a short discussion and question and answer period. Speakers confirmed for the mining panel include Chris Cormier of Goldcorp; Terry DiTullio of NorFab Metal and Machine; Peter Calbick of Golden Chalice; and Thompson Hickey of Xstrata Copper.

The mining panel will be one of three presented at the conference. The focus of each panel is to provide insight into the benefits and challenges of doing business in Timmins and area. Moreover, panelists will provide their thoughts and perspectives on what the future holds for their operations and their respective industry segments in Timmins, given the current and forecasted economic conditions.

According to Debbie Browne, co-chair of the TREO organizing committee, “It is important that we provide diverse representation within each panel. We want to provide not only the “larger” mining company perspective and outlook, but also the experiences and perspectives brought to the table by junior mining organizations and companies who work directly with mining companies, such as NorFab Metal and Machine.”

Between the three panel discussions will be a presentation from Timmins Mayor Tom Laughren regarding the future direction of development within the city; economic development updates and forecasts from Dave McGirr of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation; as well as a presentation from Ellen Sinclair from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. Sinclair's presentation will centre on the Northern Ontario Growth Plan that is being developed by the provincial government, and its anticipated implications and benefits for Timmins and the region. In addition, TREO 2008 offers a tradeshow format where businesses and organizations may book booth space to showcase the services they provide to the region.

## 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.

To view a draft agenda or to find out more information, visit <http://www.timminschamber.on.ca/treocom.htm>. As well, those who register prior to May 12<sup>th</sup> will be entered into an Early Bird Draw to win a valuable Chamber prize!

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