



NEWS RELEASE

AME BC Salutes Canadian Mining Hall of Fame Inductees

Vancouver, B.C. — January 13, 2012 — The Association for Mineral Exploration BC (AME BC) salutes Robert Hunter (1927-2007) and Robert Dickinson, who were jointly inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame on January 12 in recognition of their outstanding lifetime achievements to the Canadian minerals industry.

Hunter and Dickinson are founders of Hunter Dickinson Inc. Today, because of the vision and leadership of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dickinson, HDI is a diversified, global mining group with more than 25 years of mineral development success. From its head office in Vancouver, B.C., HDI applies its unique strengths and capabilities to acquire, develop, operate and monetize mineral properties that provide consistently superior returns to shareholders. HDI is characterized by the drive and commitment of its founders, senior management and multi-disciplinary team. It is known for its technical excellence, experience and reliability. And it is passionate about bringing responsible mineral development to life in creative ways for the benefit of shareholders, partners and communities. Hunter was the 2001 recipient of AME BC's Murray Pezim Award for perseverance and success in financing mineral exploration, and Dickinson is a 2011 nominee to AME BC's Honourable Service Roll for his long-serving support of AME BC.

AME BC also recognizes Ned Goodman, 2005 recipient of the Murray Pezim Award; the late Phillip Hallof; and John Hansuld on their induction into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame.

The Canadian Mining Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, the Mining Association of Canada, The Northern Miner newspaper and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada. Associate sponsors include the mining associations of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan and AME BC.

About AME BC:

AME BC represents 4,000 thousand individual and 360 corporate members and is the predominant voice of mineral exploration and mine development in British Columbia. AME BC's upcoming conference, Mineral Exploration Roundup – "Celebrating Our First Century of Global Discovery", will be held from January 23 to 26, 2012 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver.

Roundup is expected to attract over 7,000 people from 30 countries are expected during BC Mineral Exploration Week as the Association celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2012. Roundup the world's premier technical mineral exploration and development conference. Visit www.amebc.ca/roundup and follow #Roundup2012 on Twitter.

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For further information and to register as accredited media for Roundup 2012, please contact Jonathan Buchanan, Director, Communications & Public Affairs, AME BC, at 604.630.3923 or jbuchanan@amebc.ca. B-roll footage of prospecting, geological work, drilling, helicopter transportation, and other mineral exploration activities on properties in BC is available on request.