



## Media Release

### De Beers donates carving to Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

**Yellowknife (June 24, 2010)** – A carving commissioned by De Beers Canada to commemorate the return of the Legendary Sky Diamond to Yellowknife has been donated to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The work of art, *Northern Rhythm*, was created by Enterprise carver Dolphus Cadieux out of kimberlite from De Beers Canada's Snap Lake Mine. The piece incorporates iconic northern images, including a Loon, Eagle and Trout, bound together by a wave.

"Every diamond deserves a magnificent setting," said Brad Corrigan, Snap Lake Mine General Manager. "What better way to show off the diamond that flew in space with Canadian astronaut Julie Payette than with an exquisite carving from the host rock from within the mine that the diamond originated."

The 2.89 carat Legendary Sky Diamond was mined at Snap Lake. It was donated by De Beers to Astronomy North to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy. It orbited the Earth in July 2009, and is now one of the components of the Legendary Sky Exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The carving is one of three pieces commissioned by De Beers. The first carving is at De Beers' Yellowknife office. Mr. Cadieux has begun work on the third, which will take its place at the Snap Lake Mine when the new permanent accommodation facility is constructed and open this fall.

De Beers Canada opened Snap Lake Mine, 220 km northeast of Yellowknife, NT, in July 2008. The company also operates Victor Mine in Northern Ontario and has a third proposed Mine, the Gahcho Kué Project, currently in the regulatory process.

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**Attachment:** Backgrounder on carving

**Photos** available for download from [www.debeerscanada.com](http://www.debeerscanada.com)

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