

Security supervisor receives award

Thanks to Gary Carter's quick thinking, Bruce Stuckless was breathing a lot easier after his airway was blocked during dinner.

The incident, which could have been much more serious, occurred in August 2007 in the main accommodations at the Diavik mine.

Bruce, a heavy duty mechanic who works in the tool crib in the mine's truck shop, was choking on a piece of food and Gary spotted what was happening.

"It was an instinctive reaction... it was over and Bruce was okay in a matter of seconds, it was something you just do and think about afterwards." Gary said. By the time Gary got to Bruce, he was definitely in distress. Gary added.

Gary remembers thinking he needed to clear Bruce's airway before Bruce collapsed. He first tried to dislodge

the obstruction with a few sharp blows between the shoulder blades. When this was unsuccessful, he then grabbed Bruce and performed abdominal thrusts, with the third one clearing the piece of food blocking Bruce's airway.

"I was at supper and something went the wrong way, and I started to cough to try and clear it, I couldn't breathe, then Gary came over," according to Bruce. "I couldn't talk, I started pointing that something was wrong. I sure appreciate what Gary did. This can happen to anyone. You're just having supper and it can happen, you just never know."

Gary's instinctive reaction would later be recognized with a St. John's Ambulance life-saving award commending him for his *quick actions, perseverance and for his use of first aid to save a life.*

A security supervisor at Diavik for three years, Gary's completed two first aid courses at the minesite. In fact, he's taken first aid

since he was a boy scout, and during a 30 year career in policing as well. "Everybody should have it. You'll probably never use it, but you never know."



Diavik's Gary Carter, left, receiving a life-saving award from Richard Bruce, Order of St. John Chancellor, at a ceremony held 11 May 2010 at the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. Bill Braden photo

Diavik at a glance

The Diavik Diamond Mine, a 2009 national John T. Ryan safety trophy winner and three time regional John T. Ryan safety trophy winner (2003, 2004, and 2007), is located 300 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada.

The Diavik Diamond Mine consists of three diamond-bearing deposits, called kimberlite pipes, located just offshore of a 20-square-kilometre island, located under the waters of Lac de Gras. To mine these underwater ore bodies, Diavik has built two dikes out from the island, which Aboriginal people call Ekadi.

Diavik is currently processing diamond ore from both its open pit and newer underground mine operations. By 2012, Diavik expects to be an all underground mine.

- Three ore bodies called the A154 South, A154 North, and A418 pipes
- Annual ore production – approximately 2 million tonnes
- 2010 (January to June) diamond production – 3.2 million carats

- Total operations and construction spending through mid-2010 – C \$4.6 billion, of which \$3.3 billion is northern
- Operations workforce – 872 (2010 first half average)
- Total mine life – 16 to 22 years (currently in year eight)
- Reserves – 19.7 million tonnes at 3 carats per tonne

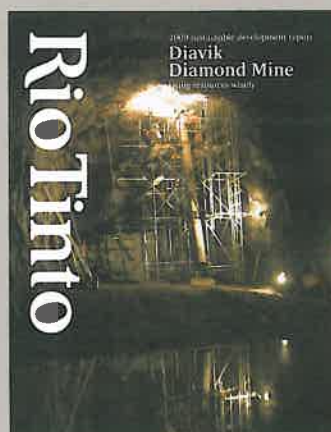
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The Diavik annual sustainable development report, our 11th, has been uploaded to our web site. In addition to background information about Diavik, the report highlights our many initiatives towards economic prosperity, social well-being, and environmental protection – the three key pillars of sustainable development. The full report can be found at diavik.ca in the reports and publications section. This year, to reduce paper and costs, we've opted for an electronic only edition.