



Media Release

Gwich'in Development Corporation and Discovery Air team up to support the Yukon Quest

December 22, 2010 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – The Yukon Quest is pleased to announce a new partnership between the Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) and Discovery Air to become the Official Sponsors of the 2011 Yukon Quest Dawson City Checkpoint.

Last year, GDC was the sponsor of the Finish & Award Banquet. This is Discovery Air's first year partnering with the Yukon Quest.

"We are thrilled to again be supporters of the Yukon Quest," said Richard Nerysoo, GDC President. "Our traditional lands include parts of Yukon; our people, businesses and organizations all have strong ties to the territory, so it is only natural for us to be a part of this annual Yukon tradition."

The GDC and Discovery Air subsidiary Great Slave Helicopters have long been joint-venture partners in Gwich'in Helicopters. Through this partnership, the Gwich'in people own their own AS350B2 helicopter and a hangar facility in Inuvik.

"This is an extremely exciting opportunity for us to be a part of the iconic Yukon Quest dogsled race as co-sponsors of the Dawson City Checkpoint with the GDC," said John Curran, Discovery Air Marketing Manager – Northern Services. "Getting a chance to work with old friends like Mr. Nerysoo and the Gwich'in as well as our new friends in Yukon, where our subsidiaries Great Slave Helicopters, Air Tindi and Discovery Mining Services are interested in expanding our presence in 2011, makes this a rewarding project for us on many levels."

For more information about the 2011 Yukon Quest, please visit <http://www.yukonquest.com>. This year's Yukon Quest begins in Whitehorse on February 5th. The Yukon Quest Start and Draw Banquet will be held on February 3rd at the Yukon Convention Centre in Whitehorse at 5pm. Tickets are limited so you are encouraged to buy ahead of time!

About the Gwich'in Development Corporation:

The Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) focuses on increasing revenues through local development activities occurring within the Gwich'in Settlement Region of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The GDC also works to ensure beneficiaries of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement are involved in training, employment and business opportunities created from these activities. The company takes pride in remaining northern and Aboriginal owned. GDC's headquarters are in Inuvik with operations being conducted in Inuvik, Fort McPherson, Yellowknife and Edmonton. <http://www.gdcgroup.ca/>

About Discovery Air:

Founded in 2004, Discovery Air provides specialty aviation services across Canada and in select locations internationally. Its 450 flight crew, maintainers and support staff operate more than 130 aircraft to deliver a range of air transport, maintenance and logistics solutions to government, airline and business customers. Discovery Air's success is fundamentally based upon strong customer service, a reputation for quality and safety, a loyal customer base and a dominant position in its markets. <http://www.discoveryair.com/>

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