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Yukon Gold Mining Alliance Hosts Forums in New York City and Toronto – April 20th and 22nd

The Yukon Gold Mining Alliance (YGMA) is hosting two Yukon Forums in Toronto and New York City April 20th and 22nd respectively. This will be the third event hosted by the YGMA following a successful launch in Vancouver in February 2010 and presentations at the PDAC Conference in Toronto in March 2010.

The YGMA will present information on seven Yukon-based mineral exploration and development companies to the national and international investment community, complemented by presentations from the Yukon Government, in order to enhance awareness of the Yukon's exciting natural resource sector. Home of the famous Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1890s, Canada's Yukon is undergoing a new rush with new mines to be producing gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc by the end of this year, and several advanced gold projects generating exciting results. .

"The purpose of the YGMA is to encourage investment in the Yukon and in mining companies with long-term commitments and investments in the territory," said YGMA Chair Scott Kent. "Hosting these forums in two of North America's largest financial centers is key to attracting investment to the Yukon."

The Yukon Forums will also feature presentations by all seven member companies [Alexco Resource Corp. \(TSX:AXR, NYSE-AMEX:AXU\)](#), [Capstone Mining Corp. \(TSX:CS\)](#), [Copper Ridge Explorations Inc. \(TSX-V:KRX\)](#), [Golden Predator Royalty and Development Corp \(TSX:GPD\)](#), [Northern Freegold Resources Ltd \(TSX-V:NFR\)](#), [Victoria Gold Corp. \(TSX-V:VIT\)](#) and [Western Copper Corporation \(TSX:WRN\)](#). Joining the group will be the Honourable Daniel Lang, Canada's Senator for the Yukon; Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Consul-General for Canada, New York City; Dr. Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister-Yukon Economic Development and Mike Burke of the Yukon Geological Survey. For inquiries regarding the two upcoming forums, contact Galina Meleger, Marketing Communications at galina@ygma.ca or visit the website at www.ygma.ca to view the finalized agendas.

"The YGMA complements the activities that are already being carried out by individual companies and the Yukon government," added Kent. "We believe we can achieve more by sharing resources and working together."

The YGMA intends to host a number of events throughout North America and Europe in the coming months. In addition, YGMA will bring analysts, media and members of the investment community to the Yukon to visit some of Yukon's most exciting mines and exploration projects and see the Yukon first-hand.

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The Yukon Advantage

The member companies of the Yukon Gold Mining Alliance have the expertise and resources to carry out mineral exploration and development all around the globe. And in fact, they do just that. Several of our member companies have mineral properties both in the Yukon and elsewhere. However, Alliance members have recognized that the Yukon star is on the rise. It's being called one of the best and most exciting jurisdictions in the world in which to conduct mineral exploration and mining. Here's why....

- ✓ The Yukon has world-class deposits, with 2,700 known mineral occurrences and more than 80 mineral deposits with established reserves, some of which are the largest known in the world.
- ✓ The Yukon Geological Survey carries out unparalleled research and maintains extensive data on Yukon geological and mineral deposits.
- ✓ The Yukon controls and manages its natural resources
- ✓ The Yukon government understands business, promotes investment and supports responsible development.
- ✓ The Yukon offers favourable tax incentives and mining laws that provide secure mineral tenure and has a single coordinated approach to environmental assessment.
- ✓ The Yukon's royalties are amongst the most competitive in Canada.
- ✓ Most Yukon First Nations have finalized land claim and self governments providing even greater regulatory certainty.
- ✓ The Yukon has well-developed infrastructure, including more than 4,800 kilometres of all-weather roads, numerous airports, clean energy, Internet and cell phone service throughout the territory.
- ✓ The Yukon has direct access to Asia via two ice-free ports in neighbouring Alaska.
- ✓ The Yukon has a long history of mining, with the mineral industry forming the foundation of the territory's private sector economy for over a century.
- ✓ And, perhaps most encouraging, recent increases in mineral exploration activity have quickly reaped rewards, with significant discoveries in gold, silver and copper.

We invite you to contact us and find out more.

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The Yukon Gold Mining Alliance

The Yukon Gold Mining Alliance (YGMA) is a non-profit industry association with a current membership of seven companies working in Yukon mineral exploration and development. The YGMA's goals include:

- To liaise between the mining industry and financing sources;
- To work together to promote awareness of and strengthen investment in member companies and the Yukon;
- To collectively identify a group of established companies which are committed to mineral exploration and development in the Yukon.

All member companies must have known resources and significant identified project expenditures in the Yukon. A company must have established 43-101 resources or must have spent \$2.5 million in drilling programs in Yukon in five of the last seven years. Companies must also adopt and adhere to a corporate sustainability policy including community relations, environmental responsibility and labour relations.

The seven current members of the Yukon Gold Mining Alliance are Alexco Resource Corporation (TSX: AXR; NYSE-AMEX: AXU), Capstone Mining Corporation (TSX: CS), Copper Ridge Explorations (TSX-V: KRX), Golden Predator Royalty and Development Corporation (TSX: GPD), Northern Freegold Resources (TSX-V: NFR), Victoria Gold Corporation (TSX-V: VIT) and Western Copper Corporation (TSX: WRN).

Scott Kent serves as the Chair of the YGMA. Mr. Kent has experience as a Yukon Cabinet Minister, Executive Committee Member of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board and past Executive Director of the Yukon Chamber of Mines.

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