

# **News release**

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## **MP Dennis Bevington responds to BHP strike resolution**

**Yellowknife, NT** - Dennis Bevington, Western Arctic MP, applauds BHP Billiton, PSAC and the Union of Northern Workers for resolving the 11-week strike affecting 375 unionized workers at the Ekati Diamond Mine.

“I am pleased and relieved that this labour dispute has finally been settled with the ratification of the first collective agreement for Ekati employees. I would like to congratulate both sides for their efforts incoming to a fair agreement,” said Bevington.

“It is pertinent that we build a stable workforce in the Northwest Territories. We have a plethora of resources, with more jobs than skilled Northern workers. Unions can help provide that stabilization to ensure the large companies who do business in the North reach their maximum potential. At the same time, companies such as BHP Billiton bring employment to Northerners through the development of our diamond resources,” said Bevington.

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