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THREE CHEERS FOR TECK COMINCO AND THE RED DOG OPERATIONS FAMILY

KOTZEBUE, AK (12/6/2007) –Teck Cominco and Red Dog Operations family show their support for regional youth programs with their recent donation of \$75,000 to help support Boys & Girls Clubs in the Northwest Arctic region.

Teck Cominco's donation comes at a much-needed time for Northwest area Boys & Girls Clubs. "Many of our Clubhouses struggle with finding funding for quality staff and programs," states Stefanie Armstrong, Northwest Area Manager for Boys & Girls Clubs. "With this donation, every Clubhouse in the NANA region can afford to hire the staff they need to keep their Clubhouses open."

The impact of Teck Cominco's donation has a wide range. Funds provide vital support for critical building repairs in Kiana, allowing Clubhouse doors to re-open after an extended closure. The Clubhouse in Kivalina can now provide essential Club programs, MethSMART and StaySMART, which focus on teaching youth drug safety and goal setting.

In addition, the five Clubhouses in the NANA region now have the funds needed to sponsor BGC Day for Kids. This special event provides parents the opportunity to spend the day with their children and for the community to celebrate its youth. Without Teck Cominco's support, each Club in the Northwest Arctic region would have faced a grim future.

As the parent company of Red Dog Operations family, Teck Cominco wanted to reinvest in the Northwest Arctic region. Teck Cominco gave Red Dog Operations family the opportunity to choose which organizations to donate to. A total contribution of \$425,000 was made to area organizations. "Boys & Girls Clubs were at the top of our list," states Robert Sheldon, Personnel Coordinator at Red Dog. "Their mission of empowering and inspiring Alaska's youth to become leaders in the community has a lasting impact."

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Since 1999, Boys & Girls Clubs has provided the young people of the Northwest Arctic region with the programs and experiences necessary to become contributing, productive adults. Clubhouses provide youth with a safe place to learn and grow, develop ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals and participate in life-enhancing programs and character development experiences.

Boys & Girls Clubs sincerely thanks Teck Cominco and the Red Dog Operations family for their commitment to the NANA region.

“Community support is vital to the success of our Clubhouses,” says John P. Oates, CEO and President of Boys & Girls Clubs Alaska.

“Without the investment of the community, our youth cannot succeed.”

For more information about how you can make a difference in the life of a child, please visit Boys & Girls Clubs online at www.bgcalaska.org.

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