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### **Grand Opening of the Nephrology Program's Kidney Care Services Centre at Timmins and District Hospital**

**Timmins, ON, Thursday, December 8, 2011**, after 20 months of construction the Timmins and District Hospital (T&DH) is unveiling the newly constructed Nephrology Program's Kidney Care Services Centre.

"The new Kidney Care Centre represents a major step forward in ensuring the provision of high quality dialysis services for patients in our area", said Allan Kean, Board Chair, Timmins and District Hospital.

The expansion was crucial in order to offer increased services in a centralized area where patients will be encouraged to function at their maximum level of independences. The unit outgrew its location several years ago. The renal dialysis unit was originally designed for 6 stations although it currently hosts 9 stations. The peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis and clinic areas were in separate parts of the hospital which proved to be very inefficient for both patients and staff.

"The new facility will enable us to effectively organize and manage the deliver of renal services in our region in a consistent and coordinated manner", said Fran David, Renal Nurse Clinician at the Timmins and District Hospital. "The importance of this project is evident as there are over 300 patients that rely on these services. "

The new integrated centre will provide the following services in the new relocation/expansion:

- Full care hemodialysis.
- Nephrology clinics including pre-renal insufficiency, pre dialysis and post transplant and home dialysis follow-up.
- Patient training and education for home dialysis patients.
- Self-care hemodialysis areas.
- The facility will service over 300 patients in the various components of the Kidney Care Program.

The new expansion was approved by the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in December 2009 and construction began in April 2010. The total project cost was an estimated \$10 million.

"Goldcorp Canada Ltd., Porcupine Gold Mines is very pleased to be a major partner in the funding of the Nephrology Program's Kidney Care Services Centre", said Marc Lauzier, Mine Manager, Goldcorp Canada Ltd., Porcupine Gold Mines. "All Goldcorp operations are managed through six main pillars; People, Safety, Partnerships, Margins, Production and Reserves. This donation is in recognition of our partnership with the Timmins & District Hospital and the Community as we celebrate Timmins' 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary."

“Timmins and area communities truly caught the vision of building this new centre”, said Robert Perrault, Timmins and District Hospital Foundation Chairperson. “We are extremely grateful for the benefactors who believed in this project, the team from the Foundation who secured 10% of the building costs necessary for Ministry approval of the expansion, community partners and especially Goldcorp, Porcupine Gold Mines for their generosity.”

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