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AuRico Gold announces sponsorship of K.L. Winter Carnival Fish Derby

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee has announced that AuRico Gold has signed on as the title sponsor of the \$50,000 Fish Derby, the premier event of Kirkland Lake's 18-day Winter Carnival.

"AuRico is proud to support the people of Kirkland Lake and surrounding areas who participate in the festivities during Fish Derby weekend," said Luc Guimond, General Manager for AuRico's Young Davidson Mine in Matachewan.

"It is our hope that AuRico's new partnership with the Festivals Committee will help to develop and improve special events for our employees, their families and the communities in our region," Guimond added.

This year's event will be held on Otto Lake at Culver Park on Saturday, February 22 from 8am-2pm. This is the 6th year for the event, which has grown in attendance each year.

Prizes include: \$5,000 for the biggest pike and \$5,000 for the biggest pickerel plus additional payouts of \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third in both divisions. There will also be five tagged fish worth \$5,000 each.

Fish derby ticket packages are \$100 each and include an entry to the \$5,000 elimination draw and the Winterfest Pub featuring David Wilcox later in the evening in the gym at Northern College.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of AuRico Gold," said Festivals Committee Chair, Julie Richard-Gorman. "Thanks to the support of AuRico and our many corporate sponsors, we continue to expand and improve our schedule of events."

A free kids derby for participants 18 years and under will be held in conjunction with the main derby. Each regular fish derby ticket holder is permitted to bring one entry to the kids derby. Registration sheets are at the complex or online.

A limited number of single tickets for the David Wilcox pub are on sale starting today at reception at the complex. Additional details, complete rules and online tickets are available at: www.klfestivals.com