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TROUT LAKE WOMEN CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION COURSE

TROUT LAKE – Ten women from this tiny Deh Cho hamlet will be the center of attention on Friday, as the entire community will gather for a feast and celebration in their honour.

Tomorrow, they will complete a 10-day intensive training course in Heavy Equipment Operation. Delivered by the Smbaa K'e Development Corporation, the course was spearheaded by the Status of Women Council of the NWT (SWC) and its Northern Women in Mining, Oil and Gas Project.

"This is a very exciting day for the Status of Women Council and the people of Trout Lake," said SWC Executive Director Lorraine Phaneuf. "These women have worked hard and we hope this training will help them to secure fulfilling employment."

This non-traditional course is different from others offered by the Northern Women in Mining, Oil and Gas Project. Previous courses in non-traditional trades were offered in Yellowknife. This time, instead of bringing students to the course, the SWC brought the course directly to the students in their own home environment.

The Honorable Sandy Lee, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Council, and Deh Cho MLA Kevin Menicoche were in Trout Lake to celebrate the launch of the course on June 8th.

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