

Media Advisory

Northern Technology Days coming to Timmins

High-tech draws three-day event to celebrate a slice of innovation

Sudbury, ON, November 22, 2006 – The media is invited to attend a special three-day event to celebrate the Official Opening of the Timmins Virtual Reality Studio, the launch of the first *EXTREME VR Science Fair* for Northeastern Ontario, and a Mining Leaders Show & Tell. Events all take place in the Timmins Public Library, 320 Second Ave, as follows:

🚩 **Thursday, November 30th @ 9:00 – 14:00h**
EXTREME VR Science Fair Project Launch & Information Session

Timmins is taking Science Fairs to the *EXTREME!* Northeastern Ontario students from grades 9-12 will enjoy a Virtual Reality (VR) demonstration and info on how to enter the competition.

At 9AM Mayor Vic Power will send an official welcome to the students. The media is welcome to attend and take a photo of the Mayor with Timmins High School students.

🚩 **Friday, December 1st @ 13:30 – 17:00h**
Official Opening of the Timmins Virtual Reality Studio

Join the celebration with Minister Rick Bartolucci, Mayor Vic Power, and community stakeholders from mining, education, business and health sectors at 13:30-15:00h. The Opening includes a demonstration in the Virtual Reality Studio and a networking reception. Visitor Parking Pass required (attached).

Time has been allocated after the demonstration for media photos with the Minister and other dignitaries.

Timmins VR Studio “Open House”

From 16:00 – 17:00h the public is invited to drop in and attend 3D demonstrations in the Timmins VR Studio. Grab a glimpse of how virtual reality and large-scale data modeling present incredible insights in applications that span mining, the environment, and GIS. Visitor Parking Pass required (attached).

🚩 **Saturday, December 2nd @ 10:00 – 14:00h**
Mining Leaders Show & Tell

Listen to exciting updates on the Discover Abitibi project (10 am), the DeBeers Victor Diamond project (11 am) and more, presented in the Timmins Virtual Reality Studio in large-scale 3D. **Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

Please see attached flyer for more details and for parking pass.

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Reference:

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NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY DAYS

Thursday, Nov. 30th – Saturday, Dec. 2nd
Timmins Public Library, 320 Second Avenue

*Please join us in a Community-wide three-day event
to celebrate new cutting-edge technology
in Timmins, for innovative applications in science,
engineering, mining, GIS & education!*

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To RSVP OR FOR INFO: Jane Djivre, MIRARCO, (705) 675-1151 x.5071, jdjivre@mirarco.org



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The Timmins VR Studio is part of the Northern Advanced Visualization Network, a pan-Northern project sponsored by the NOHFCo and led by MIRARCO. The *EXTREME VR* Science Fair is a partnership between MIRARCO, Science Timmins, PDAC Mining Matters and the Timmins Public Library, sponsored by the Ministry of Research and Innovation Youth Science and Technology Outreach Program.



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Visitor Parking Pass

**Northern Technology Days
Timmins Virtual Reality Studio
Official Opening**

**Friday, December 1st, 2006
Free parking at the Timmins Public Library
320 Second Avenue
12:00 – 17:00 h**

Simply place this parking voucher on your car dashboard
or windshield, and receive free parking.