



### **JOB GOALS**

- Safely haul waste rock and ore from the open pits
- Being on time for work rotations and shifts and working hard and safely on the shift is important to meeting production goals

### **SKILLS THAT PLAY A PART**

- Focus on safety
- Class 1-3 drivers' licences
- Willingness to learn
- Good communication
- Patience
- Attention to detail

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDED**

- Class 1-3 driver training
- NWT Mine Training Society heavy equipment operation course
- On-the-job experience

### **TRAINING RESOURCES**

- NWT Mine Training Society
- Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Transportation training courses
- On-site training for different pieces of equipment



# **TRUDY BEAULIEU**

## **Heavy Equipment Operator**

*GAHCHO KUÉ DIAMOND MINE  
(De Beers Canada/Mountain Province Diamonds)*

Trudy always knew she wanted to be a truck driver, so she started working her way up through the Class 3, Class 2 and Class 1 driving programs in her home town of Behchoko, Northwest Territories.

After some training through the NWT Mine Training Society in Yellowknife, Trudy was hired on to drive heavy equipment underground at Snap Lake Diamond Mine. She then moved to Gahcho Kué and started operating 40-tonne haul trucks, working her way all the way up to the largest truck on site – the 200-tonne 830E haul truck.

With a safety-focused team that feels like family, Trudy said she loves what she does, and has been operating heavy equipment since 2010. For those looking to get into the mining industry she said it is important to be ready to work and work hard toward your goals, and the goals of your team.

“When you work hard to get where you are and follow your dream, that’s when you find yourself in a job that you love,” she said.