



With An Environmental Catastrophe Looming, Blackmer Pumps Come To the Aid of the Ice Road Truckers



An ARS transport on the Ice Road delivers diesel fuel to the Diavik Diamond Mine.

When a fleet of fuel-delivery trucks is repeatedly traversing more than 350 kilometers of 40-inch thick Contwoyto ice road near the Arctic Circle in northern Canada, there are bound to be some emergencies. And when those emergencies arise, operators and drivers rely on the Rule of Three:

“Obviously, bodily injury is number one, environment is number two and property damage is number three,” according to Don Bietz, Executive Vice President and COO of ECL Group of Companies Ltd., which partners with ARS Trucking &

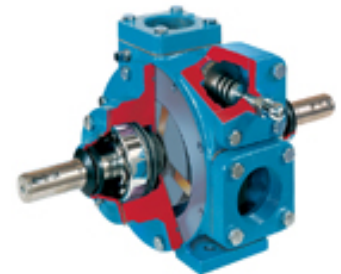
Welding to deliver fuel to the Diavik Diamond Mine.

In the winter of 2007, all three of those rules were put in peril when an ARS truck loaded with fuel overturned along the Ingraham Trail near the Yellowknife River, the main source of potable water for the village of Yellowknife, Alberta, putting the truck’s driver, the local environment and the truck itself in harm’s way. (The incident was chronicled in an episode titled “Midseason Mayhem” on The History Channels’ popular Ice Road Truckers series.)

After ensuring that the driver was not injured, the focus was turned to the environment—and Rule No. 4: Better Get Blackmer. The trucks in ARS Trucking & Welding’s fleet have done just that as they are equipped with [Blackmer TX Series Sliding Vane Pumps](#) (and have been for more than 20 years). Thankfully, the truck did not leak any fuel into the river and after it was righted, an empty tanker truck equipped with a TX



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Series pump was brought in to safely transfer the fuel from the damaged truck.

“I wouldn’t trust any other pumps on our trucks than Blackmer,” said Allen Scraba, owner of ARS Trucking & Welding. “When you’re out here in temperatures that reach -60 degrees (Centigrade) and lower, you need a pump that you can depend on, and that’s Blackmer!”



Allen Scraba, owner of ARS Trucking, kneels next to one of the Blackmer TX Series pumps located on each of his rigs.

For the complete story on how ARS Trucking & Welding hauls diesel near the Arctic Circle to the Diavik Diamond Mine with the help of Blackmer TX Series pumps, click [HERE](#)

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