



NEWS RELEASE

BC TRCR Announces Award Recipients *Best practices in mine reclamation celebrated at 37th annual awards dinner*

Vancouver, BC, Canada – September 19, 2013 – The British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR) recognized the recipients of the 2012 Jake McDonald BC Mine Reclamation Award and the Metal Mining Reclamation Award at its 37th annual awards dinner on Wednesday. The awards were presented during the TRCR’s Mine Reclamation Symposium, which provides an annual forum for sharing research and knowledge that ensure today’s practices benefit the environment both now and into the future.

Teck Metals Ltd. is the recipient of the **2012 British Columbia Jake McDonald Mine Reclamation Award** for outstanding reclamation achievements at the Pinchi Mine, which produced mercury from 1940 to 1944 and from 1968 to 1978. “We are pleased to recognize Teck Metals Ltd. for its proactive and meaningful engagement with First Nations as well as its diligent and conscientious efforts to plan and implement closure activities,” said Ryan Todd, incoming chair of the TRCR.

The **Crown Contaminated Sites Program of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations** and **AECOM Canada Ltd.** were awarded the **2012 Metal Mining Reclamation Award** for their work at the Atlin Ruffner Mill and Tailings site. The Ruffner area was first developed in 1899, and mining continued intermittently until 1981. “We recognize the efforts by the Ministry and AECOM to create a cost-effective remediation plan for a small and yet significant historic mining site,” said Jaimie Dickson, outgoing chair of the TRCR.

“The awards represent a small selection of the excellent mine reclamation work that is being done throughout the province,” remarked Dickson. “We are honoured to celebrate the innovative thinking and techniques involved in modern mine reclamation by our award winners.”

About the BC TRCR

The TRCR originated, and first became active, in the early 1970s in response to a demonstrated need in the British Columbia mining sector for greater government-industry communication in the area of environmental protection and reclamation. Membership is drawn from industry, provincial and federal government agencies, exploration and mining associations, and universities and colleges. The Committee meets to discuss matters of joint concern and interest, exchange experiences, plan activities, and prioritize research needs. It sponsors the B.C. Mine Reclamation Symposium and studies on reclamation-related issues. www.trcr.bc.ca

For more information contact Jonathan Buchanan at 778.840.0620 or jbuchanan@amebc.ca.