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BC Mine Reclamation Award and Scholarship Recipients Announced

Penticton, BC, Canada – September 22, 2016 – The British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR) presented the 2015 BC Mine Reclamation Award at its 40th Annual BC Mine Reclamation Symposium.

“For forty years, the Mine Reclamation Symposium has provided an opportunity to share with the public some of the best, and most innovative work that mining companies do in restoring land and fish and wildlife habitat,” says Jonathan Buchanan, 2015-2016 Chair of the TRCR. “This year, we are pleased to recognize **Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc.** with the **Jake McDonald Annual Mine Reclamation Award** for its work at the Mount Milligan mine.”

The award recognizes in particular construction of three over-wintering ponds for rainbow trout, an exemplary component of a Fish Habitat Mitigation and Compensation Plan that was approved by federal and provincial authorities in November 2010 before the copper-gold mine entered production in 2014. This work has helped minimize the impact of the disturbance created by the mine. The ponds, which are also creating new habitat for wildlife, insects, birds and amphibians, were built by crews from Duz Cho Logging and developed as part of an ongoing partnership with the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The TRCR is also pleased to award the **Jake McDonald Memorial Scholarship** to three recipients: **Marika Green**, an undergraduate student at Thompson Rivers University in the Bachelors of Natural Resource Science program; **Katie McMahan**, who is enrolled in the Master of Science program in the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia and **Paul Antonelli**, who is in the Masters of Science in Environmental Science program at Thompson Rivers University.

More than 160 persons are registered for the 40th Mine Reclamation Symposium held in Penticton from September 19 to 22. The 41st symposium will take place in Williams Lake, BC, from September 18 to 21, 2017.

About the BC TRCR

The TRCR originated 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 BC Mine Reclamation Symposium and studies on reclamation-related issues. www.trcr.bc.ca. Follow @TRCR on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TRCR>.

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