



## NEWS RELEASE

### BC Mine Reclamation Award Winners Announced

**Vancouver, BC, Canada – December 4, 2015** – The British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR) presented the 2014 BC Mine Reclamation Awards at a ceremony yesterday in Vancouver.

“By their successful balancing of job creation with environmental commitment, these companies exemplify BC’s dedication to responsible mining. I thank them for the important work they do in ensuring that BC’s mining industry earns the community acceptance that is necessary for a successful, sustainable mining industry,” says Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review.

“We are very pleased to recognize the innovation that is characterized by the award winners,” says Jonathan Buchanan, Chair of the TRCR. “From reclaimed agricultural land in the Fraser Valley to revitalized water and terrain landscapes at one of BC’s metal mines, we are pleased to recognize two leaders in BC mine reclamation.”

The TRCR presented the **Jake McDonald Annual Mine Reclamation Award** to **Valley Gravel Sales Ltd.** The company is recognized for reclaiming three Abbotsford, BC gravel pit properties between 2010 and 2013 to a standard where agricultural capability is at least equal or superior to the agricultural capability prior to gravel extraction.

A **Metal Mine Reclamation Category Award** is presented to **Huckleberry Mines Limited** for its habitat compensation works in the form of successful remediation of fishways in a local creek in the vicinity of the Huckleberry copper mine near Houston, BC. Huckleberry is also recognized for engaging local Aboriginal communities in its mine reclamation planning.

The TRCR is also pleased to award the **Jake McDonald Memorial Scholarship** to five recipients: **Estefania Milla-Moreno** (University of British Columbia), **Michelle Phillips** (Thompson Rivers University), **Glenn Sidewell** (Thompson Rivers University), **Sarah Whitehouse** (Thompson Rivers University) and **Oswaldo Vega** (University of British Columbia). The scholarship recipients are profiled on the TRCR [website](#).

#### 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](http://www.trcr.bc.ca). Follow @TRCR on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TRCR>.

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