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Chamber Congratulates Mining Award Winners at Nunavut Mining Symposium

Iqaluit, NU (April 14, 2014) The Chamber of Mines congratulates the recipients of the **2014 Nunavut Mining Awards** sponsored by Canadian North Airlines. These awards are handed out each year during the Nunavut Mining Symposium as an opportunity to recognize excellence in Nunavut's minerals industry. Alex Buchan, Manager – Community and External Relations with TMAC Resources, and a member of the Chamber Executive, acted as Master of Ceremonies at the gala event.

- **Baffinland Iron Mines Ltd.** received the **Murray Pyke Corporate Award** which recognizes the contribution of a mining, exploration, or related company to the economic and social development of a community, region or Nunavut in general. Baffinland has been a solid contributor to Nunavut's mining scene for many years and the recent signing of the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association was noted as a significant milestone in 2014. Baffinland's President and CEO, Tom Paddon, accepted the award.
- **Peter Tapatai** received the **Mike Hine Award** which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the mining industry in Nunavut. "I was absolutely shocked," Tapatai said to a standing ovation. "It is a pure privilege to be given the Mike Hine award." As President of Peter's Expediting Ltd., Peter has been a leading Nunavut business person for many years, and has an excellent understanding of the territory's political, business and transportation environments. The Baker Lake entrepreneur provides expediting and transportation services to Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank mine, along with significant work on a local, regional and territorial level. In 2013, Tapatai was named businessman of the year by the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership with the Chamber of Mines.
- **Dr. Charlie Jefferson**, Research Scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada was the recipient of the **Eric Prosh Government Award**, renamed in honour of Dr. Eric Prosh, who passed away unexpectedly in September 2013. Prosh was the Director of Minerals with the Government of Nunavut for several years and a key player on the Nunavut Mining Symposium organizing committees. Dr. Jefferson, who was also a friend of the late Dr. Prosh, is someone whose work in Nunavut has gone above and beyond the simple study of geology to encompass community relations, encouraging cooperation between industry, government and communities, and promotion of the territory.

The Nunavut Mining Symposium (www.nunavutminingsymposium.ca) brings together mining industry representatives, businesses, various levels of government, Inuit organizations, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges facing the sector in Nunavut. This year's event, held in Iqaluit, April 7 – 11, 2014, hosted nearly 500 participants from around the world.

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