

# **ROBERT E. LECKIE AWARD**

*Excellence in Environmental Stewardship*

and

*Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices*



## **❧ BACKGROUND ❧**

Robert (Bob) Leckie was influential in educating area miners on the benefits of thoughtful reclamation practices as they applied to placer mining and he was a leader amongst his colleagues in developing a co-operative working relationship between Government and Industry. He was also instrumental in initiating research projects aimed at defining acceptable standards for placer mining discharge. His forward thinking and valuable contributions to the Department and to Industry will be remembered in this annual award.

## **❧ TERMS OF REFERENCE ❧**

### **1. Awards ❧**

- One special award for “*Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices*” may be presented to an exceptional quartz or placer operation. This award winner will typically demonstrate excellence in all of the three areas listed in the “Scope of Award” but may be awarded for superlative work in any one area.
- Two awards for *Excellence in Environmental Stewardship* (one for quartz and one for placer) may be granted for excellence, particularly in the *Environmental Stewardship* category, but could also include elements from all three categories of the “Scope of Award”.

### **2. Scope of Awards ❧**

The award is granted to worthy recipients for exemplary practices and site restoration efforts.

- Excellence in Environmental Stewardship, such as:
  - a. Long-term management aimed at preserving and enhancing the quality of an environment
  - b. Philosophy and accompanying actions of valuing and protecting the environment as something held in trust for future generations
  - c. Conserving and enhancing wildlife habitat
  - d. Reclaiming land for which there was no obligation to rehabilitate – focus is on site re-vegetation and re-habilitation / returning mined land to a condition that is not only stable but also aesthetically pleasing

**OR**

- Outstanding social responsibility, such as:
  - a. Improving the quality of relations with stakeholders, partners, clients, employees
  - b. Adhering to a certain social ethic, being an equal-opportunity company and promoting support to the civil society
  - c. Community consultation and participation that goes beyond requirements and would be considered exceptional
  - d. Development and implementation of environmental education and awareness campaigns

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- Leadership and Innovation in overall processes, such as:
  - a. Development and implementation of appropriate technologies and moving beyond best practices
  - b. Research and development of ideas that improve mining methods and practices
  - c. Adding features to the land that notably enhanced the area and local community

### **3. Guidelines for Nominations**

- Any person may make a nomination to the Committee.
- Companies are encouraged to self-nominate where they believe that their project meets the criteria in “Scope of Award”.
- The work must have been completed in the current year or within the previous three years.
- The work must have occurred in the Yukon Territory.
- Work undertaken by Government, at taxpayers’ expense is not eligible for any of the Robert E. Leckie awards.
- Each nomination must be submitted in writing and include:
  - i. Brief description of the nominator, any credentials and the relationship to the project
  - ii. General overview of the project
  - iii. The location of the claim block including map and coordinates
  - iv. Contact information (name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address) for the nominee**
  - v. Details on why the operator/company should be considered for the award
  - vi. Details of the work that was completed by the operator/company. Please include information regarding the methods used, level of effort, time required, costs, etc.
  - vii. When the work was completed
  - viii. Commentary on the end results
  - ix. At least one colour photograph of the activity being cited (several would be better - before and after photos would be ideal for showcasing the work)
- Should you be aware of a worthy project but do not have access to the information needed to advance a nomination, please contact [Leckieaward@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Leckieaward@gov.yk.ca) to discuss how this submission can be moved forward.

### **4. Selection Committee**

- The Selection Committee is composed of the following organizations:
  - i. Yukon Chamber of Mines
  - ii. Klondike Placer Miners’ Association
  - iii. Yukon Government, Energy, Mines & Resources

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- The Selection Committee will meet once each year to consider nominations and to select winners for the *Excellence in Environmental Stewardship* awards for each Quartz and Placer categories. The committee will decide whether an *Outstanding Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices* award will be granted. Any and all awards are dependent on nominations that are worthy and meet the criteria as set out.
- Each organization of the selection committee will have at least one member at the annual review of nominations.
- Experts from diverse fields of expertise may be invited to join the committee annually.

## **5. Guidelines for Selection** ↻

- The same project may be nominated more than once, as long as the work occurred within the time lines specified within the Guidelines for Nominations.
- A project, as defined by location, time frame, specified activities and operator, can only be selected once for an award
- The quality of work described in each nomination must be attributed greater relevance by the Selection Committee than the quantity of work.

## **6. Presentation of the Award** ↻

- The award will be presented on an annual basis at the Yukon Geoscience Forum, held the third week in November.
- Whenever possible, the award recipients will be notified by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in order to facilitate their ability to be in attendance for the presentation of the award, or to assign a delegate. They will be supplied with a banquet ticket to receive their award.

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## **AGREEMENT**

Whereas, we the representative members of the Selection Committee have reviewed the terms of reference for the Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices award and the Excellence in Environmental Stewardship awards and accept the terms and conditions described within.

Whereas, any changes to the terms of reference must be reviewed and approved by the Selection Committee.

We approve the Terms of Reference here within for the annual Robert E. Leckie Awards.

### **Yukon Chamber of Mines**

FOR  
Mark Ayranto  
President

Carl Schulze  
Signature

Oct 31 / 12  
Date

### **Klondike Placer Miners' Association**

for  
Stuart Schmidt  
President

RR Leung  
Signature

Oct 31 / 2012  
Date

### **Yukon Government, Energy, Mines & Resources**

Robert Holmes  
Director, Mineral Resources

Rob Holmes  
Signature

Nov 6 / 12  
Date