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Government Honours Outstanding Reclamation

WHITEHORSE - Three mining companies operating in Yukon have been honoured with the Robert E. Leckie Award for their outstanding reclamation work in 2009.

"On behalf of the Yukon government, I congratulate this year's winners of the Robert E. Leckie Award," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Archie Lang said. "The commendable work of these companies in the areas of reclamation and site restoration show their dedication to responsible mining and their willingness to go above and beyond today's reclamation standards."

Favron Enterprises Limited received the 2009 Leckie award for outstanding placer mining reclamation in recognition of the work it did cleaning up its site in the Last Chance and Hunker Creek areas, which had been severely impacted from historical activity, and for their exemplary efforts in continual reclamation.

Western Copper Corporation received the 2009 Leckie Award for outstanding quartz reclamation for its work recovering two abandoned camps and the clean-up and reestablishment of a well designed camp and airstrip at its exploration project near Pelly Crossing.

An honourable mention was presented to Strategic Metals Limited for consistently complying with best management practices and exceeding final decommissioning requirements at its Eureka Creek/Black Hills operation in the Dawson mining district.

The Robert E. Leckie Award is presented annually to mining and exploration companies who have shown outstanding practices in reclamation and site restoration. Efforts can include exceptional environmental stewardship, excellence in social responsibility, or leadership and innovation in reclamation processes.

The award was created as a tribute to Robert E. Leckie, a Mayo mining inspector who was dedicated to the development of progressive land use practices for mining. For more information on mining in Yukon visit MiningYukon.com.

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Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Archie Lang presents Dale Corman, President and CEO of Western Copper Corporation, with the 2009 Robert E. Leckie Award for outstanding quartz reclamation.



Lisa Favron of Favron Enterprises Limited accepts the 2009 Robert E. Leckie Award for outstanding placer mining reclamation from Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang.



Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang presents Rob Carne, on behalf of Strategic Metals Limited, with an honourable mention for outstanding quartz reclamation at this year's Robert E. Leckie Award presentation.

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