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Responsible mining practices recognized by Yukon government

WHITEHORSE—The winners of the Robert E. Leckie awards were announced yesterday evening at the 41st Annual Geoscience Forum banquet.

"The Leckie Awards honour Yukon mining and exploration companies who have demonstrated exceptional environmental stewardship and innovative mining practices," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "It is important for the Yukon government to recognize and show appreciation for this critical aspect of the industry."

Ben Warnsby and Alex Seely were at the banquet to accept the 2013 Leckie Award for outstanding and responsible practices in placer mining. With recently acquired claims in the Dawson mining district, the recipients addressed several unresolved environmental issues from earlier mining practices.

Mr. Warnsby and Mr. Seely acted immediately to remove approximately 10,000 litres of fuel contained in 45-gallon drums. These abandoned drums were on the verge of becoming compromised, posing a significant risk to the environment.

Regent Ventures Ltd. won the 2013 Leckie Award for outstanding and responsible practices in quartz mining. The company operates on the Red Mountain property, east of Dawson City. Ryan Coe and Jeff Bridge were in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the company.

Regent Ventures reclaimed several historically disturbed sites along their access route, removed an old placer camp, including structures, garbage and fuel drums, and reclaimed the area. At a nearby airstrip, they removed garbage and empty fuel drums from multiple users.

"The award recipients demonstrated commitment to reclamation, particularly to old sites from other users," Kent added. "This benefits the environment and also sets an example of responsibility and respect."

The awards are given in honour of Robert (Bob) E. Leckie, a Mayo mining inspector and innovator who was dedicated to the development of progressive land use practices for mining.

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