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Yukon government salutes award-winning geologists

WHITEHORSE—Yukon-based geologists are continuing a tradition of excellence by winning a prestigious prospecting award again in 2014.

Rob Carpenter, Craig Finnigan, Adam Simmons, Tim Smith and Alan Wainwright of Kaminak Gold Corporation won the H.H. "Spud" Huestis Award at the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC) Awards Dinner in Vancouver, B.C. last night.

The team won this prestigious award for their role in the exploration and development of the Coffee Gold Project south of Dawson City, Yukon in the White Gold district.

This award is presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to enhance the mineral resources of British Columbia and/or Yukon through the original application of prospecting techniques or other geoscience technology.

"This dedicated team helped pinpoint a promising new gold discovery," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "This find has contributed significantly to Yukon's well-deserved reputation as a centre for mineral exploration and development worldwide."

Four years of exploration work in the area led to the company releasing a resource estimate of 3.2 million ounces gold in December 2012. Only 20 per cent of the claim has been explored, leaving open the possibility of more finds.

"Exploration activity and spending had slowed last year, but projects like Coffee Gold have perked up the local mineral exploration landscape," Kent added. "With much more land ready for exploration, there is great potential for additional significant discoveries."

The Coffee Gold Project is nearly 130 kilometres south of Dawson City in west-central Yukon. This project and several others are located on a 60,230 hectare property owned and operated by Kaminak Gold Corporation.

The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC) represents mineral exploration and development in British Columbia. AME BC was established in 1912 and membership includes nearly 5,000 geoscientists, prospectors, engineers, students, exploration and mining companies and suppliers. All are engaged in mineral exploration and development in B.C. and throughout the world.

Recent Yukon-based winners of the award have included a team from Archer Cathro in 2012 and prospector Shawn Ryan in 2009.

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