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### Yukon metals shine at Mineral Exploration Roundup

Whitehorse – Yukon's metals potential is taking the spotlight at the annual Mineral Exploration Roundup.

"Yukon continues to achieve significant recognition by Canada's mineral sector, despite the global economic challenges facing the mineral industry," Premier Dennis Fentie said. "Our commitment to Yukon's mining industry is yielding results."

Hosted each year by the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AMEBC), Roundup brings together organizations and people representing all components of the global mineral exploration and mining sector.

This year, Yukon received special recognition by the AMEBC with two significant awards.

Yukoner Shawn Ryan has been selected as the recipient of the H.H. "Spud" Huestis Award for excellence in prospecting and mineral exploration. Ryan's pioneering exploration work in the Dawson Range led to increased industry interest in the White Gold District. Over 8,000 claims were staked in the district last year with more than a dozen companies actively working in the area.

In addition, Stephen Quin and Bruce McLeod of Capstone Resources are being recognized for their achievements in developing the Minto Mine with the E.A. Scholz Award for excellence in mine development. Capstone Mining Corporation continues to exceed production expectations and has recently announced an expansion in reserves which will extend the mine's life.

"I am pleased to congratulate Yukon's AMEBC award recipients," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang said. "Spanning exploration and development, this recognition highlights the success of the Yukon government's comprehensive approach to supporting growth in Yukon's mineral sector."

Departmental representatives from Energy, Mines and Resources and Economic Development will attend Roundup to promote Yukon's mineral potential and provide information on Yukon's management of the territory's mineral resources.

For more information on mining in Yukon, visit <http://www.miningyukon.com/>.

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