What Do We Mean by “Mining and Sustainability”?
Mining and mineral development that meets the growing needs of all communities while maintaining a healthy environment and vibrant economy for present and future generations.

Previous Recipients

Left to right: Pierre Lebel, former Chairman of the Mining Association of B.C.; Teresa Ryan, First Nations Resource Manager, Gitlan, Tsimshian and Adjudication Committee member; Boyd Payne, President and CEO, Elk Valley Coal Corporation; Richard Tremblay, General Manager, Fording River Operations; Honourable Kevin Krueger, B.C.’s Minister of State for Mining.

2007 Recipient: Elk Valley Coal, Fording River Operations
www.elkvalleycoal.ca/operations/fording-river.html

Mine safety and reclamation are top priorities for Elk Valley Coal Corporation’s Fording River Operations. With operations located on both sides of the Fording River, this mine has an outstanding track record for continuously maintaining clean water quality and re-establishing fish and wildlife habitat in the upper Fording River and Henretta watersheds. The Henretta Project has resulted in the re-establishment of streambed and riparian habitat, providing more fisheries habitat and fish than existed prior to mining. In addition, Fording River Operations works very hard to engage with local communities and, with its sister operations, to develop relationships with area First Nations.

2006 Recipient: Polaris Minerals Corporation
www.polarmin.com/socialresponsibility.php

2005 Recipient: Highland Valley Copper
www.teckcominco.com/operations/hvc/sustainability.htm

2008 Mining and Sustainability Award
Overview of the Award
The 2008 Mining and Sustainability Award seeks to recognize companies, organizations and individuals within or involved with the mining industry who demonstrate a commitment to sustainability principles and promote the importance of doing so through concrete, practical actions in their day-to-day operations.

Who Should Apply
Nominations for the 2008 Mining and Sustainability Award are open to companies, organizations, operations or individuals involved in the mining industry and based in British Columbia. Past nominations have included companies; a particular mine, operation, or program of a company; First Nations/Indigenous Groups; schools; community groups and prominent individuals within the industry.

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Teresa Ryan
First Nations Resource Manager, Gitlan, Tsimshian

2008 Mining and Sustainability Award Criteria
Nominees will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Health and Safety
The applicant is acting to ensure the health and safety of workers and the community.

2. Effective Engagement
The relationships with those affected by an applicant’s project or operation are characterized by integrity and trust.

3. Respect for Indigenous Peoples
The applicant is respectful of Indigenous Peoples’ rights, culture and values.

4. Environment
The applicant is acting to ensure the maintenance and strengthening of environmental integrity over the long term within the project or operation’s region of influence.

5. Full Mine or Operation Life Cycle
The applicant is applying a full mine or operation life cycle perspective for planning and decision-making that spans exploration through post-closure.

6. Resource-use Efficiency
The applicant is seeking to minimize resource inputs—energy, water, reagents, supplies, etc.—while also minimizing contaminant outputs to air, water and land.

7. Continuous Learning and Adaptation
The applicant recognizes the uncertainty inherent in mining operations and is committed to continuous learning.

8. Benefits
The applicant is enhancing the potential for creating economic, social, and cultural benefits for the local community of region.

Who is Eligible?
Submissions are welcome from companies, organizations, operations or individuals based in British Columbia whose nominated project or operation is located in British Columbia.

How to Apply
Please contact us if you would like to obtain a nomination package, which includes user-friendly directions on completing all requirements. Submissions and enquiries should be sent to either:

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Please ensure the following are included with your submission:

- Nomination Form
- Two Letters of Support
- Mining and Sustainability Award Nomination Summary (maximum 5 pages)

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS 4:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008