

**British Columbia Student and Houston, B.C. Resident Bradley Lecomte
is Awarded the Caterpillar & its Canadian Dealers Scholarship
for Mining Engineering**

Westmount, November, 2010 – British Columbia student and Houston, B.C. resident Bradley Lecomte has been awarded the Caterpillar & its Canadian Dealers Scholarship for mining engineering.

Mr. Lecomte is a student in Mining Engineering at the University of British Columbia (UBC). His professors consider him as a prominent leader amongst his peers. He is both outstanding technically and academically. Moreover, he is deeply committed to a career in mining and he is grounded in the full realization of what mining offers as a profession. In fact, Bradley Lecomte believes that the mining industry has immense potential and that, as a mining engineer, he will have a rewarding position.

In his application for the award, he stated that since elementary school, he has been interested in mining, especially since he first toured the Huckleberry mine, outside of his hometown, Houston in British Columbia. After entering UBC for his post secondary degree, he found that the mining department was the best fit for him. In the summer, he was selected for a job driving one of the vehicles at the Huckleberry mine. He learned a great deal about how a mine works from an operations view point. Bradley also witnessed first-hand how tailing dams are constructed and he learned about safe blasting measures, open pit mining methods, and environmental reclamation procedures. These valuable field experiences will help him solve the engineering challenges that he will face when he makes major decisions later on in his career.

To maintain its leadership in the mining world, Canada requires the best educated workforce possible to develop new technologies and apply them in the most effective manner. The Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Foundation (CMMF) was founded in 1972, and is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting and supporting education as well as best practices in the many facets of the mining world. Through a variety of activities and programs, the Foundation promotes mining as an enviable career option at all levels from primary school through to University. Although a separate legal entity from the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CIM), the CMMF was established and continues to be funded by CIM individual members.

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