

## **University of Alberta Student and Edmonton, Alberta Resident Douglas Vis is Awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for Mining Engineering**

Westmount, January, 2011 – University of Alberta student and Edmonton, Alberta resident Douglas Vis has been awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for mining engineering.

Mr. Vis is a second year student at the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Science, Mining Engineering Co-op program. His professor considers him to be a hard working, strong, focused and very active student. Douglas wrote in a recent essay that, ‘with so many people now living in urban settings, the mining industry misses the public spotlight’. Two major exceptions to this are when environmental concerns are raised or when unsafe procedures lead to a disaster. As an aspiring mining engineer these two crucial areas are bound to be a major focus of his career. In fact, Douglas Vis believes that the mining industry will be an exciting career and he looks forward to becoming part of it.

In addition to his academic work, Mr. Vis spends significant time participating in community sports such as hockey and soccer. He volunteered with a Reading and Running program where he was a coach and was responsible for helping elementary school children do physical exercise and improve their reading abilities. Over the past several years he has had the opportunity to experience firsthand the natural beauty of Canada’s unspoiled wilderness – from scrambling mountains in the Canadian Rockies to back-country hiking along the west coast of Vancouver Island, experiences he describes as ‘jaw-dropping’. With this in mind, Douglas looks forward to plenty of future opportunities to use his expertise for the purpose of preserving Canada’s environment. Mining is often viewed as an industry that could have a negative impact on the environment. But new technologies and ever-changing techniques are greatly enhancing sustainable mining operations, while minimizing environmental impact. He is excited to be on the frontlines of the industry where much of the latest technology can be implemented to reduce human impact on the natural environment.

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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