

## **McGill University Student and Saint-Lambert, Québec Resident Olivier Hamel is Awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for Mining Engineering**

Westmount, January, 2011 – McGill University student and Saint-Lambert, Québec resident Olivier Hamel has been awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for mining engineering.

Mr. Hamel is a second year student in McGill University's Engineering Program. His professor considers him to be an excellent researcher who is hard working, cooperative and dynamic. Olivier is also very involved in student affairs. He decided to become a mining engineer for two reasons: first, his interest in the industry and second, because of work opportunities which he finds diverse and satisfying. He believes that he will enjoy working as a mining engineer and looks forward to integrating the industry as soon as he can.

In his application, Mr. Hamel indicates that there is a lot to be done in terms of educating the population and helping it to understand what the mining industry offers and its importance in our everyday lives. During the past summer, he was an intern at IAMGOLD's Mouska Mine in northern Québec near Rouyn-Noranda. While working there, he confirmed that, while the mining industry requires hard work and dedication, it offers excellent rewards such as impressive projects, worldwide destinations and competitive salaries. His fields of interest are still developing but he is attracted to Uranium mining, metal mining and the associated mining techniques.

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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