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University of Waterloo student Alison Scott selected as the 2014 Vale Master's in Engineering Scholarship Winner

(Renfrew, Ontario): A new ambassador and role model for women in engineering has joined the illustrious list of Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation scholarship recipients. The Foundation is proud to announce that Alison Scott, a master's in chemical engineering student at the University of Waterloo has been named the 2014 Vale Master's in Engineering Scholarship winner.

This prestigious \$10,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the most promising woman interested in the mining or metallurgical field who is a full-time graduate engineering student at the master's level in Canada. This year's winner is a dedicated volunteer and mentor.

Alison Scott is a chemical engineering student at the university where her research focuses on polymer chemistry and synthesizing cross linked styrene/divinylbenzene copolymers using nitroxide-mediated radical polymerization.

Among her many accomplishments, she has volunteered as a mentor for Women in Engineering at the University of Waterloo where she supervised and counselled grade 11 girls and promoted the program. As a student representative for the University of Waterloo she is part of the Hydro One/Women in Engineering initiative and developed a curriculum for high school students that provides outreach support and engages students (especially girls) in engineering activities.

"I am extremely passionate about teaching science and engineering concepts to young people, and I enjoy showing them the endless possibilities that are achievable with a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and math," says Ms. Scott. "I wholeheartedly believe that young girls need role models who can help them discover the world of science and engineering, especially with a focus on industries in which women are underrepresented (like mining and metallurgy)."

“We are extremely proud to have such a high caliber student receive this year’s scholarship and represent Vale and the mining industry. Ms. Scott’s academic and extracurricular achievements are to be admired,” says Tracy Aitchison, General Manager Human Resources for Vale. “As a world leader in the mining industry, it is critical to our future success that we have a strong pipeline of talent in the marketplace and that we do our best to ensure that engineering is a gender-equal profession. On behalf of the leadership team at Vale, I extend sincere congratulations to Ms. Scott!”

As per previous year, along with the financial support, Vale may offer summer job opportunities to its scholarship winners.

Since 1990, the Foundation has been promoting engineering as a career choice for young Canadian women through its extensive scholarship program, a website that attracts thousands of new visitors a month, social media programming, and scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

Ms. Scott will receive her scholarship certificate at the CEMF *Networking and Award Event* held in conjunction with the Engineers Canada AGM Saint John, New Brunswick in May.

“I have been a volunteer and a scholarship judge for the Foundation for almost 20 years and each time I review the applications I am truly amazed by the successes, accomplishments and potential of each applicant,” says Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., CEMF President. “It is so important that we work to ensure that women engineers have every opportunity to contribute to the future of Canadian society and that more young women consider engineering as a career through interaction with exceptional engineering students like you. We are all very proud that you are one of our 2014 ambassadors – congratulations Alison!”

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