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Laurentian University student Laura Brown selected as the 2015 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 Laura Brown, a master's in natural resources engineering student at Laurentian University has been named the 2015 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.

Laura Brown is a natural resources engineering student at Laurentian University where her research focuses on mining-induced seismicity.

Laura's natural curiosity lead her to the field of engineering. She has earned a number of accolades throughout her academic career and these have led her to the research she is now endeavoring upon. She is currently working towards a model of a tool that will assist on site engineers improve worker safety. She gives back to her community through different volunteer outlets, such as the Big Sister program, where she is able to mentor young women and encourage community involvement. She also volunteers her time within the engineering field by being involved in such initiatives as GoEng Girl and events hosted by her University.

"I have had nothing but positive experiences both in academia and industry, and believe the future for women to get involved is bright." Says Ms. Brown, "Initiatives such as GoEng Girl are really making an impact, and volunteering at events sponsored by Laurentian University has enabled me to gain a firsthand perspective. Hearing about positive experiences, from women that young girls can relate to, helps them to view careers in the mining industry in a new and encouraging way."

“We are extremely proud to have such a high caliber student receive this year’s scholarship and represent Vale and the mining industry. Ms. Brown’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. Brown!”

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. Brown will receive her scholarship certificate at the CEMF *Networking and Award Event* held in conjunction with the Engineers Canada AGM in Calgary, Alberta 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 2015 ambassadors – congratulations Laura!”

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For more information or for interviews with any of the scholarship recipients, please contact CEMF at 1-866-883-2363, info@cemf.ca, www.cemf.ca.