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University of Sherbrooke student Marianne Leroux selected as the 2017 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 Marianne Leroux, a master's in mechanical engineering student at the University of Sherbrooke has been named the 2017 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.

Marianne Leroux is a mechanical engineering student at the University of Sherbrooke. Her enthusiasm and perseverance have allowed her to pursue her university studies as well as academic, extracurricular activities and technical, high-level sports.

In 2015, Ms. Leroux was invited to a fourth-year high school class to present a career in engineering. Thankful for the experience, Marianne developed a passion for speaking and teaching. She has now accepted two positions as a teaching assistant in engineering mechanics at the University. Ms. Leroux has also had an article published in the 2017 March edition of *Chatelaine* of her opinion of women in engineering, she speaks about her experience in a non-traditional career and her interest and passion for engineering. She believes in the importance of young girls having role models.

Aside from engineering, she also has a love for baseball that began at a young age, she was chosen to represent the Quebec team at the Women's Canadian Championships. Marianne also keeps herself active with Frisbee, hockey and cross-fit.

“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. Leroux!” says Tracy Aitchison, VP of Human Resources in the Base Metals line of business at the global mining company.

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. Leroux will receive her scholarship certificate at the CEMF *Awards Dinner* held in Ottawa, Ontario this September in conjunction with the Engineers Canada meetings.

“It is heartening to see so many qualified and capable applicants. This makes our job to choose just one, very hard,” says Julie Lassonde, CEMF President. “Ms. Leroux is a worthy award winner and we look forward to watching her continue to help connect young Canadians, through her passionate volunteerism, with engineering and its vast possibilities as a viable career choice for other young ladies. We're delighted to see that her infectious enthusiasm for engineering, and are thrilled to be supporting her in her future endeavours.”

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