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University of Ottawa Engineering student awarded 2017 Vale Undergraduate Engineering Award

(Renfrew, Ontario): Volunteer, leader in her community and ambassador for the engineering profession – these are the qualities exemplified by engineering student Zaineb Al-Faesly. Selected from applicants across Canada, Ms. Al-Faesly has been chosen as recipient of the 2017 Vale Undergraduate Engineering Award.

The prestigious \$10,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the most promising women in an accredited undergraduate engineering program in Canada who demonstrates interest in the mining and metallurgical fields. Competition was fierce this year, with many outstanding applicants. However, even among the very best, Zaineb stood out.

Ms. Al-Faesly is a third-year undergraduate student studying Civil Engineering at the University of Ottawa. Zaineb spent a summer working with the University of Ottawa's Outreach Team as a bilingual counselor for the Adventures in Engineering and Science summer camp. That summer, she engaged youth in STEM related fields, worked with Syrian refugee children and aboriginal kids of Kanesatake while delivering outreach activities.

Ms. Al-Faesly worked as an instructor with the University of Ottawa's Makermobile visiting schools, community centres and festivals delivering workshops in robotics, 3D printing and laser cutting to audiences of diverse age groups. Having an interest in teaching, she also worked as a Project Manager for the Introduction to Product Development and Management for Engineers and Computer Scientists course at the Faculty of Engineering and delivered lab sessions, assisted in trainings, provided guidance and provided assessments on the performance of each student.

When it comes to extracurricular, Zaineb is a mentor working with a group to develop an integrated therapeutic and educational app for autistic children. Within her University, she is part of the Evolving Engineering team of Engineers without Borders as Director of Engineering Outreach promoting engineering across the campus. Ms. Al-Faesly finds fulfillment in observing people grow and seeing them thrive, she wants to be a part of the process.

“On behalf of the leadership team at Vale, I extend sincere congratulations to Ms. Al-Faesly,” says Tracy Aitchison, VP of Human Resources in the Base Metals line of business at the global mining company. “Vale is committed to helping build a better future. Investing in this scholarship is one of the many ways we promote higher education, diversity in the workplace and opportunities for women in the mining industry.”

Since 1990, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) has promoted 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 via award-winning presentations to high school students. Vale is a founding partner with the Foundation and it is through Vale’s support these two important scholarships are available.

Along with its financial support, Vale may also offer a summer job opportunity to its award winners.

Thanks to Vale’s support, Zaineb will receive her award certificate at the CEMF *Awards Dinner* in Ottawa, Ontario this September.

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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.