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## **Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation Selects Eight Women from Across Canada as Winners of its Prestigious Scholarships**

Ottawa, Ontario – The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation has announced the winners of its annual scholarship program, selecting eight remarkable women from across the country.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation was founded in 1990 to develop scholarship and award programs that encourage women to choose a career in engineering and in honour of the memory of the 14 women at École Polytechnique whose contributions to Canada ended on December 6, 1989.

**Abigail Steel of Outer Cove, Newfoundland** has been selected as the winner of the \$15,000 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Graduate Engineering Scholarship

Currently a full-time Doctoral student at Memorial University, Newfoundland, Ms. Steel is investigating the mobility of heavy metals in solids as sediments pertaining to a new hydrometallurgical processing system..

Among her numerous achievements over the past eight years she served as the environmental committee chair for Professional Engineers and Geoscientists – Newfoundland and Labrador and still volunteers on the committee. She is also serving as the provincial representative on the Women in Engineering Advisory Group for the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. She is an accomplished athlete in Nordic skiing, orienteering and running, along with being involved with Scouts Canada.

New in 2006, CEMF and Inco Limited partnered to provide two \$10,000 Inco Limited Masters Scholarships in Engineering won by **Laura Kathleen Wall of Calgary, Alberta** (University of Alberta) and **Heather Rodger of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan** (University of Saskatchewan).

Ms. Wall is actively involved with the Girl Guides, Minds in Motion and the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta outreach program. Ms. Rodger has mentored first year engineering students, volunteered as a coordinator for the Canadian Geotechnical Society Conference, and plays on a competitive soccer team.

As well, CEMF offers five \$5,000 undergraduate scholarships, and this year's winners are: **Shoneth MacInnis of Mabou, Nova Scotia** (St. Francis Xavier University), **Melanie Mullen of Niagara Falls, Ontario** (University of Guelph), **Laura Harms Kennett of Edmonton, Alberta** (Lakehead University), **Dena Burnett of Swift Current, Saskatchewan** (University of Saskatchewan) and **Sabahat Naureen of Montreal, Quebec** (Concordia University).

"These eight women are truly remarkable – they are strong leaders, volunteer in their community, work hard to encourage others and are actively involved in their education and extracurricular activities. The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is proud to present these well-deserved scholarships," says Suzelle Barrington, CEMF President. "We know Abigail, Laura Wall, Heather, Shoneth, Melanie, Laura Harms Kennett, Dena and Sabahat will all have very successful engineering careers."

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation extends its sincere congratulations to all the 2006 scholarship recipients.

Backgrounder Attached

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