



Mine closure conference News release August 16 2011

Registered delegates “sell out” international Mine Closure Conference

CALGARY, Alberta – August 17, 2011 – A full complement of 600 delegates are registered for the sixth international Mine Closure Conference, to be held September 18-21, 2011 at Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.

“This is the first time this conference will be held in North America and it brings together stakeholders to explore best practices and mine closure techniques that minimize environmental footprint and maximize productive land use,” said Les Sawatsky, conference chair and engineering division director at Golder Associates Ltd. in Calgary.

The conference, organized by Golder, is a significant opportunity for the Canadian oil sands industry and academia, researchers and mining companies to share world-class research and the application of mine closure technologies in Canada and around the world, including combined research on reclaiming oil sands tailings sites.

On the program are tours of oil sands mining operations near Fort McMurray, Alberta, dozens of major presentations and technical sessions. Speakers include representatives from industry, governments, regulators and academia and the Hon. Rob Renner, Alberta Minister of Environment.

Of particular note, the program includes a panel discussion bringing together all voices on mine closure.

The full program is available here: <http://www.mineclosure2011.com/en/page/home>.

“It’s a sell-out conference and we’re thrilled with the level of interest shown by the Canadian and international community. This is a unique networking opportunity for mine closure professionals everywhere,” Mr. Sawatsky said.

Open to media

The conference is open to the media.

A pre-event virtual news conference will be held on September 16, 2011 and further details will be released prior to the conference.

Mine Closure 2011 is the sixth in a series of international conferences founded by the Australian Centre for Geomechanics (ACG) and the Centre for Land Rehabilitation (CLR) in 2006. The Canadian Steering Committee for Mine Closure 2011 and the University of Alberta are pleased to arrange this event for the first time in Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.

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