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Mark Cutifani Appreciation Event

Sudbury (Ontario) - A final celebration was held on Thursday, September 6th for a man who greatly deserved the recognition, as friends in industry and the community gathered to toast Mark Cutifani at an appreciation event held for the former Chief Operating Officer at CVRD Inco. The event was hosted by the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI) as a token of appreciation for the support Mark had shown from the beginning in launching the multi-million dollar mining research initiative. It is just one of the many community, academic, and industry focused initiatives that Cutifani enthusiastically supported in his vision of how to make Sudbury a better place, and he practiced what he preached.

Over and above his critical role with CVRD Inco, Cutifani's time was divided among many groups. He volunteered as the Campaign Chair for the most financially successful United Way drive ever in the Sudbury Community, shaved his head for The Northern Ontario Cancer Research Centre fundraiser, and worked with the Rotary Club of Sudbury where his contributions to the community were recognized when he was presented with the Rotary Club's highest honor, the Paul Harris Award. Mayor John Rodriguez recalls, "Over the past five years, Mark has become a great friend to our community and has laid the groundwork for the strong and positive relationship that now exists between the company and our city. The City of Greater Sudbury has been fortunate, as we have benefited from Mark's community commitment and leadership. On behalf of the members of city council and the people of Greater Sudbury, I wish Mark and his family well in all their future endeavours."

As Peter Kaiser, CEO of CEMI remarked, "the success of CEMI comes from the dedication and expertise of people like Mark. His work and influence will no doubt have a lasting impact on Sudbury, and it was great to have the event as an opportunity to say a final thank you and farewell. To date, CEMI has become incorporated as a not for profit organization; chaired by Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University and Vice-chaired by Mike Romanuk, Vice-President, Sudbury Operations for Xstrata Nickel. CEMI has started a series of projects in all five key research themes totaling 1.2 million dollars. CEMI has also submitted in collaboration with members of the community a letter of intent for Centres of Excellence in Commercialization. The goal of this application is to accelerate commercialization of skills and products in the mineral sector."

The Cutifani Appreciation Event was followed by a Community Project Showcase that featured eight local projects from various (research) groups in the community: specifically the Mining Innovation Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO) and Laurentian University. It was a great opportunity to update industry and the community on the status of many of the projects that have been in various stages, and to see the impact these projects are having on industry and the community as they have come to fruition.

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