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# CIM Conference and Exhibition 09

Canada's Global Impact

Women in Mining Forum

Tuesday, May 12 • Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Come meet women leaders from all corners of the mining industry! These dynamic women have travelled the globe, exploring for minerals, engineering new projects, managing operations and filling executive roles on a global stage.

This is your chance to meet today's role models, and to get inspired to be one of tomorrow's women leaders!

We are hosting two forums, designed especially for future generations of women leaders:

### At 10:00 a.m... Calling all students!

- Our women leaders will hold a panel discussion and Q&A geared to girls and young women from Grade 7-12
- Students will hear about career opportunities, as well as personal experiences and advice from women professionals and executives
- Students will be encouraged to ask questions and to learn more about the tremendous career potential in the mining and minerals industry
- Students can also attend Mining in Society, a hands-on, interactive show about the mining and minerals industry. Students will get to try a variety of activities – including mining in the moon – at the six pavilions: Exploration, Mining and Processing, Sustainability, Products and Fabrication, Education, and New Frontiers.

### At 5:00 p.m. ... Get ready to network!

- Our women leaders will hold a brief panel discussion and Q&A targeted to university students and young women already in the mining industry, or interested in the industry
- Panelists will share their experiences and take questions from the audience
- This will be followed by a networking session where you have the opportunity to mingle with and get to know these amazing women leaders

## Women in Mining Forum panelists include:



### Heather White, marketing director, Nickel Supply Chain, Vale Inco

Heather White has been involved in the mining business for 16 years. She currently resides in Toronto and is accountable for getting all finished nickel to market in order to meet worldwide sales demand. Heather's previous roles have included Mine Manager of Voisey's Bay Mine in northern Labrador; Chief Mine Engineer for Voisey's Bay Nickel Co; Mine Superintendent and Mines Technical Specialist for Inco's Indonesian Operations; Internal Auditor for Inco's corporate office and Mine Planning Engineer for Inco's Underground Mine operations in Sudbury. Previous to this she worked for Teck in northern British Columbia and Barrick Gold in Nevada as a surveyor and geologist in their open pit operations. Heather is a licensed Professional Engineer, having graduated from Queen's University in Mining Engineering. She promotes the education and advancement of females in non-traditional roles and was in fact one of the first female Mine Managers to be employed in Canada.

### Anne Marie Toutant, vice president, mining operations, Suncor Energy

A University of Alberta mining engineering graduate, Anne Marie has over 20 years of experience in the Canadian energy industry (metallurgical and thermal coal and oil sands). She was recognized by CIM with the Past President's Medal in 2008 specifically for her work promoting and mentoring young leaders in the mining industry. In her current role as vice president mining operations - Suncor Energy, Anne Marie is accountable for the safe, environmentally sound and operationally excellent performance of an operation involving 1,900 employees and an additional 500 contractors.



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### **Eira Thomas**, Executive Chairman and Director, Stornoway Diamond Corporation

Eira is a respected Canadian geologist who brings extensive experience to her role as Executive Chairman of Stornoway. She served as a geologist with Aber Resources Ltd. (now Harry Winston Diamond Corp) from 1992 to 1997, leading the field exploration team that discovered the Diavik Diamond Project pipes in the Northwest Territories in 1994 and 1995. She was promoted to Vice-President Exploration for Aber in 1997, a post she held for two years. Diavik was Canada's second diamond mine when it went into production in 2003. Last year it produced 9.2 million carats. In 2004 Eira was honoured as one of "Canada's Top 40 under 40" by the Caldwell Partners and the Report on Business Magazine. Three years later (May 2007), she was awarded The William Harvey Gross Award, bestowed annually by the Mineral Deposits Division of the Geological Association of Canada, to a geoscientist less than 40 years of age who has made a significant contribution to the field of economic geology in a Canadian context. In November of 2007 Eira was selected as one of "Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women".



### **Lori Martin**, project geologist, Nickel Rim South, Xstrata Nickel

Lori started with Xstrata Nickel in 2004 at Craig Mine and then joined the Nickel Rim South Project in 2006. She is responsible for the planning and execution of the diamond drilling and is the Qualified Person for all data in the resource estimations for the Project. Scheduled to begin operation in June 2009, Nickel Rim South is an underground mine host to a high grade nickel and copper deposit 1.5 km below surface. A member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists in Ontario, Lori received her B.Sc. in Geology from Laurentian University and her B. Ed. From D'Youville College. Lori enjoys running outdoors all year long, downhill skiing and spending time at the cottage on Georgian Bay with family and friends.

### **Karen Kabatey**, heavy equipment operator, Victor Mine, De Beers Canada

Karen drives a 100-tonne haul truck on a fly in/fly out, two week rotational basis. The open pit mine, located in James Bay Lowlands, Northern Ontario, (90 km west of Attawapiskat), is Ontario's first diamond mine, having been in operation since January 2008. Karen joined De Beers Canada in April 2008 and in her role she is responsible for the safe hauling of processed kimberlite (PK) from the process plant, as well as delivering ore to the stockpile. Past experience driving various sized heavy equipment, inclusive of Tandem trucks, front end loaders and passenger buses, positioned and prepared Karen well for her present role. As you get to know Karen, you will quickly witness her passion, enthusiasm, commitment and pride in her work with De Beers Canada. When not busy driving her 100-tonne haul truck, Karen enjoys spending time with family and friends in Thunder Bay, and periodically belting out some karaoke tunes.



### **Véronique Falmagne**, principal, Golder Associates Ltd.

Through her experience in mining operations, academia and research and development, she has gained recognized expertise in geomechanics, mine planning and design and ground support technology and in the development, implementation and transfer of new technologies to mining operations. As a Principal with Golder Associates Ltd. she leads a team of mining and geotechnical professionals and manages projects in the fields of geotechnical engineering, geomechanical mine design and mine production planning and design, in North America and internationally. She obtained a Bachelor in Mining Engineering from McGill University in 1980, a Masters in Mineral Exploration, in 1983 and a Ph.D. in Mining Engineering from Queen's University in 2001.

### **Jennifer Dart**, mine engineer, Genesee Coal Mine, Sherritt

Jennifer grew up in small mining communities where she spent time at the mines with her father and became very interested in mining. After graduating high school in Labrador City, NF, Jennifer attended N.A.I.T in Edmonton, AB and completed the Geological Technology program. She worked at the Ekati diamond mine as a geological tech then returned to the University of Alberta where she completed her Mining Engineering Co-op Degree. Jennifer graduated from UofA in 2006 and is currently working at Sherritt's Genesee Coal Mine as a mine engineer.



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