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Northwest Territories and Nunavut Geoscientist, Gary Vivian, P. Geo., receives 2014 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award.

Vancouver — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2014 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award – **Gary Vivian, P. Geo.** of Yellowknife, NWT.

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award is given to recognize the achievements of an individual, who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the profession in Canada in his or her capacity as a registered professional geoscientist.

To be eligible for the award a nominee must meet a number of specified criteria, which include: a solid career as a professional geoscientist, an outstanding record of voluntary service to the community, and service to Geoscientists Canada or to one of the provincial or territorial professional associations that regulate geoscience in Canada.

The Award, which consists of a labradorite and marble sculpture made by a Canadian geoscientist artist, is given to a person in mid-to-late career.

This year's recipient, Gary Vivian, P. Geo, is President of Aurora Geosciences Ltd in Yellowknife, NWT. Gary's career as a Professional Geoscientist spans over 25 years of geological mapping, prospecting, sampling and geophysical surveying - predominantly on projects "North of 60". Earlier in his career Gary worked for Noranda in Timmins, Ontario and Bathurst, New Brunswick. He later joined Covello, Bryan and Associates, leading to the growth of that firm and its ultimate transition to become Aurora Geosciences Ltd.

Gary first trained as a Geological Technologist at Sir Sandford Fleming College, in Lindsay, Ontario. He later completed B.Sc and M.Sc degrees in Geology at the University of Alberta.

Gary has been actively involved with his profession both at the provincial and national level. At the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of NWT and Nunavut (NAPEG) he sits on the Geoscience Committee and is currently its Chair. Gary served on NAPEG Council from 1991 to 1993, where he was later on a committee that developed NAPEG's practice guideline - *Reporting of Diamond Exploration Results, Identified Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves*. For a number of years, this was the only guideline document of its kind in use in Canada.

At Geoscientists Canada, Gary served as NWT-Nunavut director from 2006; he later assumed the role of President of Geoscientists Canada 2009-2010; and he continues to contribute valuable input on several committees. More recently, Gary became actively involved in the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, serving as its Secretary/Treasurer.



In addition to serving his profession and the mining industry, Gary Vivian is a longtime and committed hockey volunteer. He is Past President of the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association, and currently President of Hockey NWT and President of Hockey North; and he sits on the Board of Directors of Hockey Canada.

In announcing the award the President of Geoscientists Canada, Paul Rennick, P.Geo, stated "We are delighted that Gary Vivian was chosen by our judges to be this year's award recipient. I have known Gary for many years through his involvement in Geoscientists Canada. His work as a geoscientist in Canada's north and his commitment and contribution to both his profession and the mining industry are exemplary. It is also impressive that Gary gives of his organizational and leadership abilities back to his community and to its youth, through his volunteering for hockey - both at the territorial and national level. Gary is most deserving of this year's award"

The citation for the 2014 award, which will be presented to Mr. Vivian at a later date, will read as follows: *"Presented to Gary Vivian, P.Geo in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his community, his profession and its professional associations"*.

Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award is not necessarily presented each year. Further details on the award criteria and nominations process can be obtained from the Geoscientists Canada website at www.geoscientistscanada.ca

The mission of Geoscientists Canada is to develop consistent high standards for licensure and practice of geoscience, to facilitate national and international mobility, and to promote recognition of Canadian professional geoscientists.

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