

Mining Matters

LOCAL COMPANIES HONOURED FOR EXCELLENCE IN RECLAMATION

Northgate's Kemess Mine and Smithers-based UTM Exploration Services have been recognized for their reclamation work by the British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR). The 2009 Mine Reclamation awards ceremony and banquet were held September 22 in Courtney, BC, as part of the 34th annual B.C. Mine Reclamation Symposium Conference. Since 1977, the TRCR has presented awards to recognize outstanding achievements in restoring a worksite to its original condition in British Columbia.

For the second year in a row, the citation for outstanding achievement for reclamation



at a metal mine was awarded to **Northgate Minerals Corporation** for its work at the **Kemess South Mine** approximately 200 kilometres north of Smithers. Northgate has used innovative solutions of overburden placement and planting using native species on a very large scale to prepare the Kemess site for long-term reclamation success as wildlife habitat.

Alpha Gold Corporation received the citation for outstanding achievement for reclamation at a mineral exploration site for their work on the **Lustdust** property operated by UTM Exploration Services of Smithers, BC approximately 220 km north of Fort St. James. Alpha Gold Corporation is commended for its reclamation efforts to address historical disturbances on the Lustdust property in addition to its more recent exploration activity.

"We are honoured and pleased to see Alpha's concern for environmental matters rewarded. We recognize the efforts made by our Project Manager, Richard Beck, of UTM Exploration Services Ltd, and the dedicated and professional crewmembers of the Takla Band he hired. They made sure on our behalf that the reclamation after last year's exploration was carried out to the very highest standards," said Director Carl Pines.

The TRCR began in the early 1970s to achieve greater government-industry communication in the area of environmental protection and reclamation. TRCR membership is drawn from industry, government and academia and organizes the Annual B.C. Mine Reclamation Symposium.

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