

## **Luncheon Honours Women in Natural Resources. Nominations Being Accepted for Contributions to Industry.**

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The Minerva Foundation for BC Women is calling for nominations to celebrate and recognize women who are building stronger communities in British Columbia through their work in natural resources. At this year's luncheon, three extraordinary British Columbian women will be celebrated for their contributions to and impact on the natural resources industry through leadership, excellence, philanthropy and service.

"We are thrilled to be recognizing the achievements of women involved in an industry so fundamental to the economy in British Columbia," said Anne Stewart, QC, Minerva Foundation for BC Women board member, vice-chair and chair of the "Women In" Selection Committee. "By profiling three amazing women who have demonstrated excellence in the energy, forestry or mining industries, our hope is to highlight the opportunities available in the resource sector and inspire other women to become involved."

This is a chance for B.C.'s natural resources industry to recognize its female leaders and demonstrate the unlimited career opportunities available for women in this field. Whether involved with a corporation, academia or the public sector, all women working in natural resources are eligible. "I encourage anyone who knows a woman excelling in the natural resources industry to submit a nomination package," added Stewart.

Previous "Women In" luncheons have celebrated those in philanthropy, music, sport and food. Nominations for this year's event will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, with the three chosen honourees being announced in early November and celebrated at a luncheon presented by Teck Resources Limited on Dec. 1, 2010.