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Westmoreland Mining Holdings LLC's Coal Valley Mine and Mr. Chris Cline to be awarded 2019 CAC Community Champions Awards

EDMONTON, AB – The Coal Association of Canada is pleased to announce the winners of our second annual Community Champions Awards. The awards were introduced in 2018 as a way to encourage members of the CAC to support their local communities and to recognize members and their projects that are having a positive impact on the local and surrounding areas. This year's winners are Westmoreland Mining Holdings LLC's Coal Valley Mine and the late Mr. Chris Cline.

Coal Valley Mine, an export thermal surface mine in West Central Alberta near Edson, has operated continuously for over 40 years. Throughout these years, the mine has been an economic driver and integral part of the fabric of Edson and the surrounding communities in Yellowhead County. They have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the region and local organizations, notably but not exclusively the Edson Boys & Girls Clubs, Edson Animal Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, the Robb Curling Rink and Robb Fire Department.

The second award will honour Mr. Chris Cline, who tragically passed away in July of this year. Born into a coal mining family, Mr. Cline was a true champion of the industry with a lifelong passion for mining. Known as a risk-taker, a philanthropist and a family man, his legacy will live on through the countless lives he has impacted through his coal operations, through his charity and through the people that knew him. Mr. Cline is being recognized for his contributions to the Canadian industry, where his company The Cline Group purchased and re-opened the Donkin Mine in Nova Scotia and successfully developed the Vista Mine in Hinton, Alberta. The two projects have been invaluable to their communities, bringing with them economic opportunity and strong ties to local groups and business.

The CAC is proud to have Westmoreland Mining Holdings LLC and Vista Energy Resources, which operates both of Mr. Cline's mines, as members of our Association. They deserve to be recognized for their dedication to bettering their communities and operating in a manner reflective of the values of the Coal Association of Canada. Congratulations on being our 2019 Community Champions.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the 2019 CAC Conference Awards Reception on Wednesday, October 9th at the Westin Bayshore. Registration and all information about the conference can be found at <http://www.coal2019.ca/>.

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