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First Axis Insurance Awards Awarded At Annual Geoscience Banquet

Whitehorse: The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is pleased to announce today the recipients of the YMTA Axis Mine Training Awards as presented at last night's Geoscience Banquet:

- Outstanding Performance - Ryanwood Explorations Inc. for their exploration safety awareness and geology fieldwork training program.
- Power of Partnership - Ross River Dena Council & Selwyn Resources Ltd for their dynamic partnership delivering an environmental studies and monitoring project.
- Raising the Bar - Sherwood Copper Corp. for their commitment to raising the standards for on-site safety programs in the Yukon.
- Creative Innovation - Jacobs Industries Ltd for their Transport Canada certified Marine Emergency Duty training for the boat and barge operations servicing the Minto Mine.

"We are delighted to honour these companies. They have taken the effort to ensure that their employees are well trained and safe while on the job," says Jeff Peters, whose company, Axis Insurance Managers (Whitehorse), sponsors the awards. Axis is Whitehorse's newest insurance brokerage and is committed to risk management excellence for the exploration and mining industry.

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining and related resource industry and First Nations. We are committed to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the mining and related resource industries in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners. The YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered, meeting industry standards. YMTA has been supported by industry, First Nations, Yukon Workers Compensation Board, Yukon Government, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Northern Strategy.

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