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FLIN FLON TEAM RECOVERS THEIR 2ND CONSECUTIVE WIN IN THE 2013 MANITOBA PROVINCIAL MINE RESCUE COMPETITION

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, MAY 28, 2013 – The weather may have been overcast on Saturday, but it certainly did not put a damper on the festivities that took place in downtown Winnipeg at the Union Centre. Many volunteers and sponsors made this two-day event a success.

Teams representing Hudbay, Vale, San Gold and Tanco competed against one another at the annual Manitoba Provincial Mine Rescue Competition. The winner of the event – Hudbay Flin Flon – was announced at the awards banquet that evening. Applause and handshakes were given out as the eight members stood to get their award for the second year in a row.

“The importance of testing our teams on an annual basis is key to the ongoing safety excellence in rescue services provided in Manitoba,” said Richard Trudeau, Manager of Flin Flon and Snow Lake mines with Hudbay. “Congratulations to the Hudbay Flin Flon team for your dedication to our people.”

Team members of the winning team are Tracy Knutson (Captain), Bryan Rainville (Vice-Captain), George Warman, Dustin Patterson, Damian Dominey, Jeremy Beauchamp, Don Last (Director of Operations), Don Peake (Coach), and Olaf Hettrick (Coach). They will be representing Manitoba in the upcoming national competition in Fernie, BC.

Two other valuable awards were presented Saturday. The Technician Award was presented to Brad Sirman from Vale Manitoba Operations. The award is given to the individual who demonstrates the highest level of proficiency in preparing the breathing apparatus that rescue personnel use in emergency situations. Cheers erupted as his name was announced.

In addition to being the co-host of this year’s event, San Gold took home the Runner Up Award. Only 40 points separated the five teams.

“I have tremendous respect for the men and women that volunteer to participate in mine rescue as well as the families that must support the commitment,” said Ian Berzins, President and CEO of San Gold. “Well done team, we truly appreciate and recognize your hard work.”

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