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INDUSTRY IS THE TRUE WINNER AT THE 2013 MANITOBA PROVINCIAL MINE RESCUE COMPETITION

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, MAY 25, 2013 – Mine rescue competitions have been held for over 50 years in Manitoba. This year's event is being co-hosted by the San Gold Corporation and the Manitoba mining industry in Winnipeg today, and plays a role in celebrating the industry's success in safety.

"Safety is our priority. People are our priority. Our industry remains committed to responsible mining year after year," said Barrie Simoneau, Director of Risk Management with the Mines Accident Prevention Association of Manitoba.

These competitions test the completeness of emergency response plans and competencies of response personnel; an essential part of continuing to provide the same high level rescue services across our province. Participants from (5) five mine rescue teams across Manitoba representing Hubday (Flin Flon and Snow Lake), Vale, San Gold and Tanco will compete against each other at the annual competition. Teams will be judged on first aid, fire fighting, knowledge, obstacle and recovery and practical skills.

"Mining continues to be one of the safest industries in the province and in the country, and we're proud that some of the safest mines in the world are right here in Manitoba. However, as an industry our goal is to continuously improve in order to achieve zero harm to our people," said Lovro Paulic, who plays a dual role as the Vice President of Manitoba Operations, Vale and President of the Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.

Four separate awards will be celebrated Saturday evening during the awards banquet: the Technician Award, Runner-Up Team, Winning Team and the John T. Ryan regional award. The John T. Ryan regional award is a symbol of premier safety in mining and has been given out since 1941. This year's winner is Vale's T1 mine. Vale has won this award on a number of occasions including the National Award for Metal Mining in 2004 and 2010 and the Regional Awards in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and again in 2012.

Next year's event will be held at Vale in Thompson, Manitoba.

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