

News Release

Professional Engineers and Geoscientists to recognize outstanding achievements at their Annual Awards Dinner tonight

- Awards to be given to outstanding engineers and geoscientists; Honorary Membership conferred on Dr. Arthur King and the Environmental Award given to Green Bay Waste Management Authority -

June 13th, 2008

Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador [PEGNL] will confer their awards for excellence in engineering and geoscience at their Annual Awards Dinner tonight.

“Our awards recognize outstanding contributions by professional engineers and professional geoscientists to their professions and to the community in general,” says President Dick Myers, P.Eng. “This year’s awardees are excellent examples of very talented and dedicated individuals who have made a difference.

“Our Honorary Membership is given to someone who is not a member of PEGNL but has made significant contributions to the professions of engineering and geoscience, and our Environmental Award recognizes the application of science, technology and engineering to environmental management.”

The highest honour that PEGNL bestows is the **Award of Merit**, for valued contributions to the professions and the community. This year, the award goes to: **Dr. Axel Meisen, P.Eng.** who has had a distinguished career in academia and the private sector and is the former President of Memorial University; and, **Dr. Geoffrey Thurlow, P.Geo.**, a leading expert on Volcanogenic massive sulphide [VMS] base metal deposits and, at Buchans, co-discoverer of one of the richest VMS deposits in Canada. He is a director of Altius Minerals.

The **Community Service Award** goes to **Keith O’Neill, P.Eng.** for outstanding contributions to the community. Keith has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity every year since 1997 and has received the National Habitat Volunteer of the Year award.

2.

Honourary Membership is conferred on **Dr. Arthur King** who taught in Memorial's Earth Sciences Department from 1967 to 2002 and has been an ambassador for the earth sciences to school children and to the general public.

The **Environmental Award** recognizes the application of science, technology and engineering to environmental management. It is conferred on the **Green Bay Waste Management Authority** for the design and operation of a joint Waste Management system and its engineered landfill site.

The 2008 Awards Dinner is sponsored by TD Insurance Meloche Monnex.

PEGNL is a self-regulating professional organization that exists so that there is competent and ethical practice of engineering and geoscience in Newfoundland and Labrador, and ensures public confidence in the professions. It receives its authority from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

For further information, please call Steve McLean, Executive Director, at 753-7714 or visit the website: www.pegnl.ca.