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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Miners support programs for global growth** *SME Foundation recognizes industry commitment at annual conference*

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Foundation (SMEF) is pleased to announce industry supporters of the *Creating Global Prosperity: The Campaign for Mining* 2014-2015 initiative who will be recognized at the SMEF Annual Gala, February 15, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, CO during the SME Annual Conference & Expo. *Creating Global Prosperity* is an investment in creating a stronger industry around the world, developing tomorrow's professionals and leaders, and strengthening relationships within mining communities.

The honorees at the event will be:

Freeport-McMoRan Inc.  
Newmont Mining Corp  
Caterpillar Global Mining  
Peabody Energy  
Fluor Corp.  
Joy Global Mining  
Rio Tinto Kennecott  
Barrick Gold of North America  
Imerys



Drummond Company, Inc.  
Diversified Resources Inc.  
Kinross Gold USA, Inc.  
Mining & Metallurgical Society of America  
Murray Energy Corporation  
Alliance Resource Partners, LP  
United Mining Equipment  
Cloud Peak Energy  
Xcoal Energy & Resources

“I am pleased to report that through the ongoing success of *The Campaign for Mining*, the SMEF delivered another strong year. This prestigious group has now been expanded to eighteen leading mineral extraction and mining support corporations,” said SME Foundation President Bart Hyita, President of Hyita Tech Consulting LLC. “We must continue to provide the excellent professional and educational programs SME offers, be a prime resource for the mineral extraction and underground construction industries, and strive to improve the public perception of mining.”

The mission of the SME Foundation is to support scientific, technical, educational and other activities that foster interchange and understanding concerning the responsible development of the world's mineral resources, and to further the professional disciplines serving the minerals industry. For more information about SMEF programs, please visit <http://community.smenet.org/smefoundation/>.

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SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose more than 15,000 members represent all professions within the minerals industry in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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