

EOY AWARDS



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Robert Little, founder and CEO, Regency Fireplace Products, 2011 manufacturing and Pacific overall award recipient; Colleen McMorro, partner, Ernst & Young, and national director EOY and entrepreneurial services; Ron Voyer, partner, Ernst & Young, Pacific director EOY and regional entrepreneurial services leader.



Dr. Norman Keevil, chairman, Teck Resources Ltd., and Linda Keevil.



Joyce Lincoln; Mark O'Dea, chairman, Pilot Gold (formerly Fronteer Gold), 2011 finalist, mining and metals; Victoria O'Dea; and Jim Lincoln, former president of Fronteer Gold (USA).



Fan Chun, CFO, Dr. Battery; Sean Martinez, senior manager, Ernst & Young; Joshua Huen, founder and CEO, Dr. Battery and 2011 young entrepreneur award recipient; and Maggie Kung, executive assistant, Dr. Battery.



Andrew Kemp, president, CMW Insurance Services, 2011 professional/financial services finalist; and Diane Johnson, president & CEO, Descriptive Video Works Inc., 2011 special citation: social entrepreneur.



Muhammad Amir, president, SPF Precut Lumber, 2011 finalist, manufacturing; and Mo Amir, SPF Precut Lumber.

PACIFIC REGION

'Tenacity in face of obstacles'

Robert Little, founder and chief executive of Regency Fireplace Products, was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011 for the Pacific region at a gala event in Vancouver on Oct. 5. Mr. Little also won in the manufacturing category.

"Great entrepreneurial leaders have the drive and tenacity to generate successful ideas in the face of many obstacles," says Ron Voyer, director of the award program for the Pacific region. "While other companies were pulling back during the financial downturn, Robert [Little] honed his vision, and continued investing time and money in research and development."

While Mr. Voyer says true entrepreneurs are architects of their own vision, he underlines the importance of pairing that with the right kind of innovation. With a keen sense of design and strong sense of consumer awareness, Mr. Little continues to take Regency to new heights.

From the introduction of the first natural gas fireplace to the complete modernization of the industry's distribution model, Mr. Little's innovations have changed the face of hearth manufacturing.

"Innovation isn't just a best practice, it's a mentality," Mr. Voyer says. "Inspired ideas like Robert's are the fuel that turns a fast-growth company ... from startup to stand-out."

Other winners include: business-to-business products and services, Darby Kreitz, Allnorth Consultants Ltd.; business-to-consumer products and services, Attila and Boldjarre Koroncay, Éminence Organic Skin Care Inc.; cleantech/information technology, Donald McInnes, Alterra Power; hospitality/tourism, Vikram Vij, Vij's Restaurant Inc.; mining and metals, Keith Neumeyer, First Majestic Silver Corp.; professional/financial services, John Nicola, Nicola Wealth Management Ltd.; real estate/construction, John Tilstra, Centra Construction Group Ltd.; young entrepreneur, Joshua Huen, Dr. Battery; special citation: social entrepreneur, Diane Johnson, Descriptive Video Works Inc.

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Darby Kreitz, president & CEO, Allnorth Consultants Ltd., 2011 business-to-business award recipient; Traci Kreitz; Pam Greenslade; and John Greenslade, president & CEO, Baja Mining Corp.



Attila Koroncay, co-founder, Éminence Organic Skin Care Inc., 2011 business-to-consumer award recipient; Erin Stouck, Éminence Organic Skin Care; Boldjarre Koroncay, co-founder, Éminence Organic Skin Care; and Dalbir Rai, partner, Ernst & Young.



Steve Curtis, CEO, ZAG Global, finalist, young entrepreneur; and Jenn Lowther, director of social media, 6S Marketing.

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