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Leaders in Alberta's Resource Industry Step-Up to Be Honoured

Alberta Chamber of Resources celebrates achievement in the name of orderly and responsible development of Alberta's Resources

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Chamber of Resources (ACR) announces the 2019 Resource Leadership and Indigenous Resource Leadership award recipients, to be presented at the annual awards banquet in February 2020.

These awards are presented to individuals or organizations who have made a difference in advancing the responsible development of Alberta's resources through their dedication to the environment, community or industry. The recipients of the 2019 awards are Melanie Antoine and Chief Isaac Laboucán-Avirom.

ACR's Resource Leadership Award is presented to Melanie Antoine, Chief Executive Officer, A.P.E. Maintenance Ltd., in recognition of her strong business leadership, advocacy for women in business, leadership in the social non-profit and for-profit business worlds, volunteering and philanthropy. Mrs. Antoine is a family person who represents the best of our community and province. For a full bio on Mrs. Antoine, please visit www.bit.do/ACR2020-MelanieAntoine.

"I'm very honoured and humbled to be receiving this award," said Melanie Antoine. "I believe it is important to stay connected to your culture, history and community. The guidance I received gave me the encouragement and confidence to expand and evolve A.P.E. Maintenance. In turn, this has given me the opportunity to provide apprenticeship, training and employment opportunities within my community. We take an active role in giving back through volunteering, education, healthcare, employment opportunities and mentoring. I'm proud of where I call home and proud of the work we are doing."

ACR's Indigenous Leadership Award is presented to Chief Isaac Laboucán-Avirom, Woodland Cree First Nation, Treaty 8, in recognition of his commitment to his people, land, history and culture while focusing on the future through a commitment to progress and innovation. He actively supports initiatives that bring his people the balance of sustainability of their resources. For a full bio on Chief Isaac Laboucán-Avirom, please visit www.bit.do/ACR2020-ChiefIsaac.

"The Indigenous Resource Leadership Award is a recognition that Indigenous peoples have always worked with the land and resources and now, as things evolve, it is important that we find new ways of working on and with the land through industry partnerships, resource development ownership and increasing our participation and our say in how resources are managed so we can protect our rights and values while supporting a better quality of life for our people," said Chief Isaac Laboucán-Avirom.

"The Alberta Chamber of Resource is proud of the people that work in our industry and the difference they make to their communities on a daily basis," said Neil Shelly, Executive Director, Alberta Chamber of Resources. "The award winners this year are two outstanding examples of how the resource sector gives back to the communities it works in."

Both awards will be presented at ACR's Annual Awards Banquet being held on the evening of February 20th, 2020 at the Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. Following the award presentation

Rex Murphy will be addressing the room as the keynote speaker for the evening. The evening is a celebration of achievement and fellowship. To register please visit: www.bit.do/ACR2020.

If any media is interested in interviewing one of the award winners, please contact Jennifer Cummings to book your time. Media will not be able to access the full event and only a select few interviews will be held, based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Alberta Chamber of Resources is a member-driven organization involved in resource development in Alberta. Members include mining, energy and forestry sector companies – those that create resource-based products, and those who provide the diverse infrastructure, products and services essential to resource development. The organization has been pivotal in helping advance responsible development of Alberta's natural resource base since its inception in 1936.

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