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Mirarco CEO and University of Calgary Professor Winners of 2014 Minerva Canada Education Award of Honour

Toronto (March, 2014) – Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc. has announced the winners of its 2014 Minerva Education Award of Honour. The award, established in 2011, recognizes individuals from academia, government, industry and Health and Safety (H&S) Associations for their long-standing contributions to advance health and safety education in Canadian post secondary teaching institutions. Recipients of this year's awards are:

Vic Pakalnis, P.Eng. and President, CEO of Mirarco Mining Innovation at Laurentian University, Ontario and

Dr. Anis Haque, P.Eng. and Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Calgary, Alberta.

Tony Pasteris, President of Minerva Canada at a dinner following the Minerva Learning Forum at the University of Waterloo on April 23, 2014, will present these awards.

Vic Pakalnis has been an outstanding ambassador for Minerva since the early nineties constantly promoting and teaching Health and Safety during his work assignments with the Ontario government, Queen's University and now at Mirarco. He has been instrumental in establishing important partnerships for Minerva with academia, government and industry. He has been an important contributor for Minerva's educational programs and resources including presentations at its H&S Learning Forums for professors and overseeing development of student teaching modules on Risk Management and Codes, Regulations.

Dr. Anis Haque has been associated with Minerva Canada for the past 6 years and has been instrumental in leading three very successful H&S Learning Forums at the University of Calgary for engineering, business professors from various universities, colleges across Alberta. He has developed a case study for Minerva on managing Safety, Health and Environment by profiling some leading practices of a major Canadian corporation. He is currently overseeing the development of student teaching modules on Electrical Safety and Nanotechnology and the work to date is being presented by him to engineering students and engineering professors

Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc.

Minerva Canada is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Management in post secondary schools across Canada. It targets the educators of tomorrow's leaders by encouraging colleges and universities to embed SHE management education into the core curricula of business and

engineering programs. Research has repeatedly shown that effective, productive and profitable companies have a CEO and senior management team who understand the benefits of SHE management systems and processes and are committed to them. SHE management education is a fundamental cornerstone of an effective corporate safety culture. Minerva consists of volunteers from industry, government, academia and safety associations.

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