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## **Consulting Engineers Win National Award for Work on Rouyn-Noranda's Éléonore Project**

**(OTTAWA) October 25, 2016** – Consulting engineers at SNC-Lavalin Inc. who worked on the Éléonore Project in Rouyn-Noranda won an Award of Excellence Tuesday night at the 2016 Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards gala. This well-deserved award was bestowed to SNC-Lavalin for this project's technical excellence and its social, economic and environmental contribution to the Rouyn-Noranda community where it was carried out.



“These awards showcase the outstanding talent and expertise of consulting engineers across Canada,” said ACEC President and CEO John Gamble. “By recognizing projects with national awards, we highlight the important contributions of engineering firms to Canadians and the huge impact they have both here at home and around the world.”

### **Generating major economic benefits**

Goldcorp's Éléonore Project is a major mining facility in Northern Quebec comprised of an underground gold mine, ore processing, and infrastructure. At \$2.3 billion, it represents a significant economic injection into this remote region's economy and a boost to Quebec's GDP. SNC-Lavalin successfully provided Engineering, Procurement, Construction & Management services for the surface facilities of the project, which presented significant schedule, location, climate, environmental, and labour challenges. The project exemplifies successful collaboration with the First Nations and local communities.

“SNC-Lavalin is committed to the successful execution of client projects worldwide. Over the years, we have forged an excellent business relationship with Goldcorp and we are delighted to have been part of this important project. This award proves that great collaboration between all stakeholders can lead to successful project execution, even in a remote area with challenging climate and logistics.” José J. Suárez, M.Eng., P.Eng., President, Mining and Metallurgy at SNC-Lavalin Inc.

The Éléonore Project included an innovative filtration mine tailings pond approach which provides social and environmental benefits by allowing for maximum recovery of process water in the plant itself, eliminating risk of dam breaking and allowing gradual tailings rehabilitation during life of mine operations. The project also aimed to ensure that local workforce not only benefitted during the project's construction but continue to benefit for years to come. An estimated 50-60% of the construction workforce came from the Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec, and as of April 2016, the operation had 650 permanent employees and over 450 contract personnel.

In November, follow the [#20DaysOfExcellence](https://twitter.com/20DaysOfExcellence) in engineering campaign on Twitter and at [www.acec.ca/20daysofexcellence](http://www.acec.ca/20daysofexcellence) to watch videos of award-winning projects like this one and to learn more about the impact of consulting engineering on our quality of life.

The award-winning projects are described in full in the October-November 2016 issue of *Canadian Consulting Engineer* at <http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/digital-edition/>.

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