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Montreal Consulting Engineers Shine with Northern Diamond Mine Project at National Awards Gala

(OTTAWA) October 23, 2018 – Consulting engineers from Montreal and across Canada were celebrated for their outstanding achievements Tuesday night in Ottawa at the 2018 Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards gala. Recognized as the industry's highest honours, the awards are presented to projects by Canadian firms that showcase the most remarkable engineering feats. “Tonight, we not only celebrate this year’s incredible projects, we celebrate the extraordinary work of consulting engineers over the past 50 years and the important role they have on the social, economic and environmental quality of life of all Canadians,” said ACEC President and CEO John Gamble.

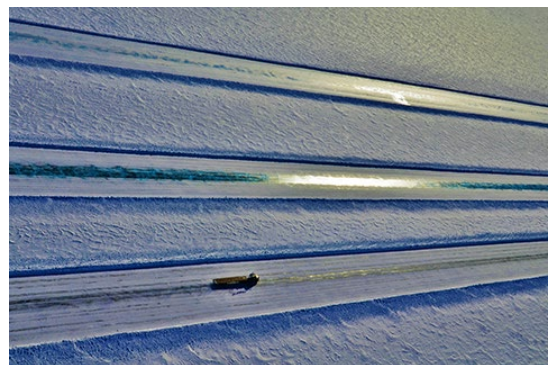


Montreal firm, **Hatch**, was recognized with an **Award of Excellence** for managing the full Engineering, Procurement, Construction Management (EPCM) contract for project implementation for the *Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine* project.

Located at Kennady Lake in Canada’s remote Northwest Territories, Gahcho Kué lacked local and regional infrastructure to sustain project operations. A complete greenfield installation, the project had to overcome extreme cold temperatures and logistical challenges, including access by a 420 km winter ice road only available for two months of the year. Despite the challenging location and climate, the project was a resounding success, delivered two months ahead of schedule and within budget. As the project exceeded both De Beers Canada’s expectations, and its own operating capacity during the first year of operations, it was designated by jurors as a true engineering success story, not only for health and safety, but for early production and ramp up achievements as well.

A significant step in the development of the project was the finalization of the over-arching environmental agreement, the Ni Hadi Xi (Chipewyan for ‘Watching Land’) Agreement with aboriginal parties in the Northwest Territories. Co-signed by De Beers and the indigenous stakeholders of the mine, the agreement provides a clear vehicle for building positive working relationships between all parties through represented forums to monitor and manage the mine’s interaction with the land. The placement of this environmental monitor is essential to maintaining trust and positive long-term relationships with local communities.

“Our team is very proud to be recognized alongside our clients, De Beers and Mountain Province Diamonds, and our partners, JDS, for the achievements of this extraordinary project,” said Guy LeClair, Project Sponsor for Hatch. “The CCE Award of Excellence is a celebration of disciplined project management, the outstanding efforts of the individuals involved with this project, and the strong collaboration between our teams.”



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

About award-winning firm

Hatch is passionately committed to the pursuit of a better world through positive change. A global multidisciplinary management, engineering, and development consultancy, its corporate roots extend more than sixty years in the mining, energy, and infrastructure sectors. Hatch draws upon its 9,000 staff with experience in over 150 countries to challenge the status quo and create positive change for clients, employees, and the communities they serve. www.hatch.com

About Awards co-sponsors

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