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Coal Association of Canada honours former Conuma Coal Resources President and CAC Chairperson, Mark Bartkoski

EDMONTON, AB – The Coal Association of Canada is pleased to announce Mark Bartkoski as the 2019 Award of Distinction winner. The CAC Award of Distinction recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in the coal industry in Canada.

Mr. Bartkoski began his multi-faceted career in mining nearly 40 years ago, working on projects around the globe and gaining valuable insights from the thousands of people he has met along the way. The last 25 years focused primarily on company rebuilds, as well as underground and surface mining greenfield operations, which is how he found his way into the Canadian coal space.

Using his extensive operational experience, combined with countless lessons learned throughout his career, Mr. Bartkoski and his team at Conuma Coal Resources Ltd successfully re-opened three metallurgical coal mines in northeastern BC . The Brule, Willow and Wolverine mines now employ over 900 people directly and have been a major economic driver to the surrounding communities of Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd.

Mr. Bartkoski also held the position of Chair of the Board of Directors of the Coal Association of Canada from November, 2017 to March, 2019. His fresh perspectives and decades of experience helped increase membership and awareness of the Association during his term, including the launch of the CAC Student Internship/Scholarship program.

Mr. Bartkoski's contributions to the Canadian coal industry, local communities and commitment to bring our product to market are something to be recognized and the Coal Association of Canada is thrilled to be able to present this award to him.

The Award of Distinction is awarded annually at the Coal Association of Canada's annual conference, which will be at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, British Columbia. The award will be presented during the Awards Reception on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

To nominate a coal industry leader for 2020, visit the [CAC's Award of Distinction web page](#).

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