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## FCF Minerals wins sustainability award

FCF Minerals Corporation, a subsidiary of UK-based Metals Exploration Plc, recently won the Best Community Development Initiative Award at the Asia Mining Congress in Singapore.

The award was received by Dr. Ernesto H. Mendoza, Senior Vice President of FCF Minerals from Mr. William Bulmer, one of the members of the Board of Judges and Associate Director, International Finance Corporation, USA.

FCF won over entries from other mining companies to include Centerra Gold, Inc., Erdene Resources Development Corporation, Intex Resources ASA, PT Freeport Indonesia and Sesa Gold Limited of India.

Another member of the Board of Judges, Kathryn McPhil, Senior Program Director, International Council on Mining and Metals, UK noted that FCF's entry which was an Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Training and Placement Program was evaluated as truly relevant and strategic, has a broad base stakeholders' support and clearly sustainable with donors fully aware of the roles and commitment they have to make.

The FCF program has provided training and has assisted in the employment of 640 out-school-youth all over the province of Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines. It started with a pilot project in the tiny village of Runruno, Quezon where FCF has current exploration activities. This program presented a timely solution occasioned by the current global crisis, financial meltdown and job losses.

Also present to receive the prestigious award were Metals Exploration top executives, Ian Holzberger and Jonathan Beardsworth.

In his message during the awarding ceremonies, Dr. Mendoza said "when we won a similar award in London during the Mines and Money Conference from the Mining Journal, our focus was not just the honor and accolade that went with

it – it posed more as a challenge to do more. This award is a testimony that we have sustained our community development commitment through relevant programs".

Dr. Mendoza added that the Sustainability Award is not just for him or for FCF, but for the whole mining industry which now is making a difference on the lives of the people it touched.



**FCF MINERALS BAGS SINGAPORE AWARD** – Dr. Ernesto Mendoza (second from left), SVP for Corporate Affairs, received for FCF Minerals Corporation the "Best Community Development Initiative Award" at the Asia Mining Congress in Singapore recently. FCF was cited for its outstanding training and placement program for out-of-school youth in Nueva Vizcaya. Others in photo from left are: Ian Holzberger, FCF Director, Dr. Mendoza, William Bulmer, Associate Director, International Finance Corporation, USA, Kathryn McPhil, Senior Program Director, International Council on Mining and Metals, UK, and Jonathan Beardsworth, CEO, Metals Exploration, Plc.