Leonard Harris receives prestigious joint engineering society Hoover Medal
SME Legion of Honor member recognized for humanitarian efforts

The Hoover Board of Award has selected long-time member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), Leonard Harris, as the 2016 recipient of the prestigious Hoover Medal Award. The Hoover Medal was established to recognize engineers for outstanding extra-career services to humanity. Herbert Hoover, in accepting the first Medal in 1930, commented that the purpose of the Medal is to mark the public service of individuals who have gone outside of their strictly professional work to interest themselves in civic and humanitarian affairs. He praised the societies for establishing an award to stimulate engineers to contribute to public service.

Harris is being recognized for his tireless, generous, and continuous efforts in hostile environments to improve community conditions, starting at mines in Peru and continuing beyond, leading to more humane living environments and enhanced futures for thousands of underprivileged children. He will accept the award at SME’s annual awards banquet in Denver, CO on February 22, 2017 during its Annual Conference & Expo. SME is a society member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME). AIME’s President from SME, Nikhil Trivedi, will help present the honor. “It is a pleasure to be able to present the Hoover Medal Award to such an exceptional engineer, volunteer member, respected gentleman and dear friend,” said Trivedi.

The Hoover Medal is administered by a board representing the five engineering Founder Societies: AIME (mining, metallurgy, petroleum), ASCE (civil), ASME (mechanical), IEEE (electrical/electronics) and AIChE (chemical). Together the groups represent nearly 1,000,000 members worldwide. Each year, representatives from each of the organizations nominate candidates whose humanitarian efforts above and beyond their daily work are truly noteworthy. Contact: Michele Lawrie-Munro, AIME Executive Director, lawriemunro@aimehq.org or 1.303.325.5185.

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