

Olympic Metals

Canada's Teck Cominco Ltd. will be near the heart of every athlete who earns a spot on the podium in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. This Vancouver-based firm has been chosen to supply all metals used to make the Olympic and Paralympic medals.

"Athletes around the world are training to earn the right to stand on the podium in 2010 and Teck Cominco will play a key role in ensuring their medals—the ultimate symbol of athletic excellence—are shining examples of Canada's mining industry," says Vancouver 2010 CEO John Furlong.

Teck Cominco's commitment will involve working with the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) and the Royal Canadian Mint in the development and production of the 2010 medals. Teck Cominco president and CEO Don Lindsay says, "The Olympic and Paralympic medals inspire people everywhere to realize their full potential, in whatever they do. We are proud to supply the gold, silver, and bronze for the medals that are the source of so much inspiration for the world."

Teck Cominco is a world leader in the production of zinc and metallurgical coal and is also a significant producer of copper, gold, indium, and other specialty metals. To learn more about the company, go to www.teckcominco.com.



Olympic Gold

Are the gold medals awarded at the Olympics really made of gold? The answer is "No." The last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold were awarded in 1912. Today's "gold" medals are sterling silver (925/1000 pure silver) gilded with 6 grams of pure gold.