



Nautilus Minerals Finalist in 2010 Asia Mining Congress Sustainability Awards

March 28, 2010 - Nautilus Minerals Inc. (TSX & AIM: NUS) (the "Company" or "Nautilus") Nautilus Minerals' commitment to capacity building in Papua New Guinea ("PNG") was recently recognised with the company named one of five finalists in the 2010 Asia Mining Congress' Sustainability Awards. The Awards recognise, reward and promote industry-led community development initiatives that provide long-term social and economic benefits to local communities. For more information, visit the Awards website www.terrapinn.com/2010/amcaward/.

Nautilus Minerals was nominated for its Nautilus-Duke Opportunity Bursary – one of the company's flagship skill building initiatives. The bursary enables PNG nationals to enrol in the Duke University's (USA) marine science program and be mentored by world-renowned experts in that field.

Nautilus Minerals' CEO Stephen Rogers commented: "Nautilus is delighted to have been shortlisted. This achievement demonstrates our commitment to capacity building in PNG and enhances our sustainability credentials."

William Saleu, the 2008-2009 recipient of the Nautilus-Duke University Opportunity Bursary worked alongside Dr Cindy Lee Van Dover, a world-leading deep sea biologist, and learned state-of-the-art deep sea ecology techniques. In 2009 Mr Saleu participated in the *MV Fugro Solstice* exploration campaign. William was recently awarded an International Seabed Authority (ISA) grant to continue work on developing conservation strategies for seafloor massive sulphide (SMS) ecosystems.

The 2007 winner of the award, Martha Mungkaje, following her involvement in the program, was appointed as a lecturer at the University of PNG based in Port Moresby.