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## **Teck Trades in Action Day Gives Students Hands on Exposure to Trades Careers**

**Trail, BC** - On April 6, 2011, 80 lucky grade eight and nine students from two schools districts, School Districts 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) and 8 (Kootenay Lake), will visit Teck Metals Ltd. in Trail, BC to take part in a trades and career awareness day and gain insight and hands-on experience in trades career options.

This exciting event will give the students an opportunity to choose four out of nine trades stations with Teck journeymen providing safety information, guidance and training with various hands-on projects. Trade stations will include: Industrial Electrician, Pipefitter/Steamfitter, Machinist, Millwright, Carpenter, Welder, Steel Fabrication, Refrigeration, and Bricklayer.

This Teck Trades in Action Day is a YES2IT event, a partnership organized by Teck Trail Operations, School Districts 8 and 20, the Resource Training Organization (RTO), Selkirk College, the Skills Centre, the Industry Training Authority (ITA), and the Ministry of Education.

YES 2 IT (Youth Exploring Skills to Industry Training) is an awareness program for younger students in grades six to nine and their parents. It provides students with an opportunity to experience some of the hands-on skills used in a variety of trade occupations and make connections with industry and tradespersons in their communities. Students will also learn about trades apprenticeship programs which they can start as early as grade 11 and 12, earning credits in both high school and post secondary at the same time.

"YES 2 IT is an opportunity to showcase and promote the apprenticeable trades as exciting and rewarding career options," says Michelle Skelly, RTO's Communications Manager. "We have coordinated very successful YES 2 IT events throughout the province and are looking forward to the April 6 Teck Trades in Action Day. It is amazing to see Teck Trail Operations play such a large part by hosting the workshops on their industry site. What a great opportunity for students to experience the trades in a real industry setting."

### **About RTO**

RTO was established in 2007 to oversee the management and development of apprenticeship training for the resource sector in BC. RTO represents a cross-sectoral group of employees in the mining and smelting, oil and gas, pulp and paper, solid wood, shipbuilding and repair, and utilities sectors. Further information can be found at [www.rtobc.com](http://www.rtobc.com) and the RTO careers site at [www.tradesrock.com](http://www.tradesrock.com).

### **About Teck Resources**

Teck is a diversified resource company committed to responsible mining and mineral development with major business units focused on copper, steelmaking coal, zinc and energy. Headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, its shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols TCK.A and TCK.B and the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TCK. Further information can be found at [www.teck.com](http://www.teck.com)

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