Bryan Watts is Chairman and Principal of Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd., an international engineering and geoscience firm headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia. As President/CEO from 2006 to 2013, Bryan grew the Company more than three-fold, and guided it to unparalleled success. In his 40-year career in geotechnical engineering, Bryan is mostly recognized, both nationally and internationally, as an expert in mine tailings dams. He has worked on projects across Canada and in more than 20 countries around the world. He served on Technical Review Boards of many international tailings dams.

Bryan has participated in forensic investigations of several major tailings dam failures, including the deadly November 2015 failure of the Fundao Tailings Dam in Brazil. He has been active in many professional associations, and has been recognized with awards for his published papers and professional contributions. He is a Past President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, and a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Tonight, we are pleased to honour a passionate and brilliant engineer and an excellent leader for his outstanding engineering contributions at the international level.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. President and Dr. Lo, as the Recipient of the K.Y. Lo Medal, please welcome Bryan Watts.