

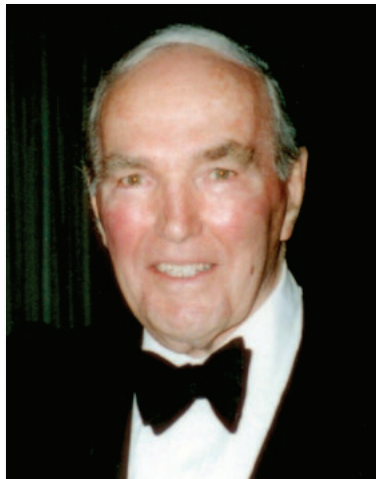
Robert Mackenzie (1915 – 2011)

Senior Vice President, Reinforced Earth Company Ltd. Canada

The RECO Canada Team is sad to announce that our Senior Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors for the Reinforced Earth Company Ltd., Canada, Mr. Robert (Bob) Mackenzie, P.Eng. passed away February 25th, 2011 in his 96th year.

Bob joined RECO in 1976 making this year his 35 anniversary with the company. Bob's mandate when he joined Reco was to introduce the French engineering technology to areas of Canada outside of the Province of Quebec, where it was first practiced since 1970. His success in the marketing of Reinforced Earth has been extraordinary including both government and private clients alike. Of particular note was his success in industrial structures for mining companies. Bob was the pioneer in establishing Reinforced Earth with clients in the Oil Sands, a business which is still important to the company today. Some information, extracted from his obituary, on this extraordinary man and his life is summarized below.

Bob had an extremely full life in his 96 years, which truly reflected the achievements and values of his, the Great Generation. Born in Kincardine, Ontario, he attended Ridley College and the Royal Military College before graduating as a Civil Engineer from Queens University. He served in the Canadian Army throughout WW II, landing in the first wave on D-Day as a Gunnery Officer and Forward Observation Officer with the 14th Field Regiment. Returning to Canada after VE Day he attended the Harvard Business School ('47) in Boston where, on a blind date, he met and, after a whirlwind romance, married, Peggy White, a fellow Canadian from Montreal who was on the staff



at Radcliffe. After being awarded his MBA, he and Peggy travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where, until 1963, he worked for the Brazilian Traction Company, a Canadian utility company which had been founded by his uncle Sir Alexander Mackenzie. During the Korean War, he returned briefly to Canada, where he served the Canadian Government again, as a Dollar a Year Man, in the Steel Division. In the mid 1960s, he left Brazil, and worked as a Consulting Engineer in Niagara Falls and Toronto for several years and then, at a time

when most people would be looking forward to retirement, he joined the Reinforced Earth Company (RECO) in 1976.

Bob Mackenzie was an officer and a gentleman and a life-long scholar who was very proud of his Scottish Canadian heritage. He and Peggy traveled the world, often accompanied by their children in earlier days. His range of friends was international and he was a keen correspondent. In his late 80s he mastered the internet, ensuring that he never lost touch with his office nor his vast network of friends. He had a wonderful life and will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew him.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Peggy, his daughter Catherine, his son Donald and his six loving grandchildren..

Bob had touched the hearts of many RECO staff in the past three and a half decades, and have enriched a lot of our lives. We shall remember fondly our great experiences in our privileged association with Bob.