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THE COPPER CLUB, INC. NAMES OSCAR GONZALEZ ROCHA COPPER MAN OF THE YEAR

New York, NY (May 13, 2015) – [The Copper Club, Inc.](#) announces their selection of Copper Man of the Year, honoring **Oscar Gonzalez Rocha**, President and CEO, Southern Copper Corporation to receive the prestigious Ankh Award. Mr. Gonzales will be honored in recognition of his excellence in leadership, contributions to the industry and commitment to the community.

The award will be presented at **The Copper Club's [Annual Dinner](#)**, on June 10, 2015, at The Pierre in New York City. Attendees at this special event include industry leaders from the mining, refining and smelting, fabricating, manufacturing and financial services sectors from around the world. The prestigious Ankh Award has been bestowed every year since 1962 to professionals who have made extraordinary contributions to the copper industry.

The Copper Club seeks to promote the interest of the copper industry by honoring those who have forged pathways in the industry and paving new paths for students working toward careers in the industry. At the Annual Dinner, the Copper Club will also announce the 2015 recipients of their Educational Grants Program, which assists exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. Each grant is up to \$10,000, and is awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. To date, The Copper Club has provided more than \$1million in scholarships to students to help ensure the future of copper.

The Copper Club's Chairman, **Arthur Miele**, said of Oscar Gonzalez Rocha's nomination, "Oscar is one of the most respected and well liked individuals in our industry. His exemplary leadership at Southern Peru Corporation as well as his steadfast support of the industry throughout his career represents the attributes for which the "Copper Man of the Year" ANKH Award was created more than 50 years ago."

According to **Richard Adkerson**, CEO and vice chairman of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., "Oscar is a man well-respected throughout the global copper industry, not only for his impressive business achievements but also for the warmth and high personal standards reflected in his business dealings and his devotion to his family and colleagues."

Mr. Oscar Gonzalez Rocha is a civil engineer by profession with almost 40 years of experience in the mining industry. In October 2004, Mr. Gonzalez was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Copper Corporation. In addition, in 2002, Mr. Gonzalez became Chief Executive Officer and a director of Asarco LLC, an integrated US copper producer. Recently, Mr. Gonzalez was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Americas Mining Corporation, a holding company of Grupo Mexico.

Mr. Oscar Gonzalez Rocha was named Chairman of the American Institute of Mining Engineers (AIME), Tucson, Arizona. He was the first Mexican citizen to have been elected for that position. In Peru, he currently serves as Director Emeritus - The Peruvian National Society of Mining, Petroleum and Energy, Director, National Society of Industries, Director of the American Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Tecnologico de Monterrey, Director of the Peruvian Cancer Society, Director of the Club de la Banca y Comercio, Director of the Instituto Superior Tecnologico – Arequipa, Chairman of the Board of Inversiones Tulipan S.A. and Compañia Minera Los Tolmos S.A., both subsidiaries of Southern Copper Corporation, among others.

To purchase tickets for this event, visit www.copperclub.org

About The Copper Club

The Copper Club was formed in 1944 to convene all participants in the copper industry. It is comprised of copper producers, fabricators, refiners, dealers, traders and merchants. The Copper Club seeks to promote the interests of the copper industry. By honoring those who have forged pathways in the industry and paving new paths for students working toward careers in the industry, The Copper Club ensures the past, present and future of copper.

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