Shauna McAuley – Most Promising Professional

Thank you very much, it's an honour to have been chosen as this year's recipient of the most promising professional award. I'd like to say congratulations to everyone who was nominated also, I think it's an honour in itself!

There are many people who are responsible for me being here. I have to say thank you to my parents, family and friends and my partner. They have all constantly supported me in my studies and employment and even though I'm now thousands of miles away from many of them they continue to be there for me.

I've learned so much from the Contaminated Land Management team and the Wellington Geotech team at Aurecon, who are all absolute stars. Timothy Dee, Helen Davies and Richard Apperley are responsible for nominating me for this award, but are also responsible for me being as promising a Contaminated Land professional as I am.

Thank you very much to ALGA for tonight's event and for acknowledging the work that we are all putting in. I've gained so much knowledge in the two years I've been a part of this industry and look forward to seeing how it evolves.