



News release

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Mount Isa Mines takes out exhibitor award at local mining industry showcase

Last week Mount Isa Mines returned as the major sponsor of MINEX - the 2014 Mount Isa Mining Expo.

MINEX is a two-day showcase of the region's mining industry, with indoor and outdoor exhibition displays, symposium workshops, meet-the-buyer sessions, industry networking functions and the annual Mining the North West Conference.

Mount Isa Mines hosted a display for the community and facilitated a visit to our displays for Year 7 students from Mount Isa and Cloncurry.

For the second consecutive year, our display took out the award for 'Most Interactive Display' as voted by the public.

Visitors to the Mount Isa Mines exhibit learnt about our mining operations with a hands-on mining process display, turned crushed ore into copper concentrate with metallurgists from the Copper Concentrator, were amazed by the surprising properties of different regional rock samples with our exploration geologists, identified different types of aquatic life, learnt how water is purified and how to conserve water at home with our environment professionals, and participated in rescue exercises and even learnt how to administer basic CPR life support with our Mine Rescue squad.

Speaking at MINEX, Mike Westerman, Chief Operating Officer North Queensland Copper Assets Australia and Greg Ashe, Chief Operating Officer Zinc Assets Australia agreed the local mining suppliers and operators are fortunate to be part of an industry still pushing growth against the economic odds.

"2013 was a challenging year for the mining industry, with the region feeling the pressure of the global economic climate," Mr Westerman said.

"In spite of this, your support of this event shows the level of confidence there is in the region and this year, we look forward to working with you - our partners and suppliers - to strive for a stronger, more sustainable local industry.

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“As a business we remain committed to the sustainability of north Queensland and over the past three years we’ve committed millions of dollars towards capital projects to expand and increase our Life of Mine at both our copper and zinc mining operations in the region.

Last year, Mount Isa Mines invested \$714 million with north Queensland suppliers, and earlier this year announced more than 40 tender opportunities worth a combined value of \$200 million.

“This year we will continue to work with the Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Isa City Council to identify opportunities for competitive local suppliers and contractors to play a role in helping us achieve our operational goals,” Mr Ashe said.

“Supporting our local community is a big part of the way we do business, and on behalf of Mount Isa Mines, I’d like to thank all the industry suppliers and business that took part in MINEX for getting involved in such a positive event that not only highlights the resilience of mining in the north west, but that also brings new visitors and prosperity to this community.”

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About Mount Isa Mines

Mount Isa Mines operates two separate mining and processing streams, copper and zinc-lead-silver, to deliver natural resources that have enduring roles in our society. The site hosts the world's largest zinc resource base, as well as the biggest network of underground mine development in the world.

The site includes two copper underground mines, one zinc underground mine and two zinc open cut mines; the copper concentrator and smelter, as well as the zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and zinc filter plant. Together, these represent Australia's largest industrial complex.

As well as the Australian market, our products are exported to countries throughout Asia, Europe and the UK, contributing billions of dollars to the Australian economy every year. We provide work for almost 5,000 employees and contractors and are dedicated to supporting local people, local businesses, and creating strong links between our operations and the city of Mount Isa. We do this through generous contributions to local health, education, cultural and capacity building initiatives and the funding of vital public services and infrastructure development projects. Since 1924, our operations have been at the heart of life in 'the Isa'. For more information, visit www.mountisamines.com.au.