



Press release

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Mount Isa Mines wins at Queensland Mining Industry Health and Safety Conference

Mount Isa Mines has received the Highly Commended award for its Manual Task Risk Characterisation (MTRC) program at the 2013 Queensland Mining Industry Health and Safety Conference Health Program Awards in Townsville last night.

The awards, hosted jointly by the Queensland Government, the Queensland Resources Council, and mining unions CFMEU and AWU, recognise creative and practical solutions to personal and occupational health problems and promote their application across the resources sector.

Mount Isa Mines' MTRC program is a systematic process of analysing manual tasks (tasks that require the use of the physical body) to effectively identify and control manual task risks. Judges congratulated Mount Isa Mines for demonstrating such commitment to the prevention of manual task related injuries, which are a significant safety issue for the mining industry.

In 2012, almost all work injuries recorded at Mount Isa Mines were directly or indirectly related to the performance of a manual task. These injuries can have a significant impact on the wellbeing of workers, as well as the productivity and sustainability of operations.

Mount Isa Mines Sustainable Development Manager Maryann Wipaki said implementing effective, sustainable controls that decrease both the occurrence and consequence of manual task-related injury was a key focus for injury prevention initiatives across Mount Isa Mines' operations.

"Mining is a physically demanding industry, so it stands to reason that manual task-related injuries are well represented statistically, however, this doesn't mean we should accept these statistics," Ms Wipaki said.

"The MTRC allows us to comprehensively map the huge range of manual tasks performed in various roles across our site. With the input of our operators, we can then develop effective solutions and aids that will minimise the risk of our people sustaining an injury while carrying out their work.

"I would like to congratulate our safety and health professionals, as well as the operators who take part in our MTRC program, for their work in developing such an important process for protecting our people from workplace injury."

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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.

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