



Statement of Purpose

The Australian mining industry has much of which to be proud and deserves greater recognition for its economic, safety and environmental successes.

The *Australian Mining* Prospect Awards aim to encourage, recognise and reward excellence in the Australian mining industry.

Australian Mining is Australia's leading mining technology magazine and as such continues to provide the latest and most useful information to help miners become more productive. This role places *Australian Mining* in an excellent position to host awards that champion a safe, sustainable and more productive industry.

Competition Categories

The 4th Annual *Australian Mining* Prospect Awards will highlight companies within the industry that have shown innovation and excellence in the following 14 categories:

1. Australian Mine of the Year
2. Mine Manager of the Year
3. Best Contract Miner of the Year
4. Best Metalliferous Mine of the Year
5. Minerals Processing Plant of the Year
6. Excellence in Mine OH&S
7. Excellence in Environmental Management
8. Community Partnership of the Year
9. Innovative Mining Solutions
10. Explorer of the Year
11. Coal Mine of the Year
12. Most Outstanding Contribution to Mining
13. Australian Mining Employer of Choice Award
14. Trainee or Apprentice of the Year

Why Enter?

Nominating your company or a person in your company is a great way to recognise and reward superior performance.

In addition, if your entry becomes a finalist and/or winner, you'll benefit from the publicity received in *Australian Mining*, on www.miningaustralia.com.au and other outlets. You can also use the *Australian Mining* Prospect Awards logo in your advertising, trade show graphics, packaging, product literature, on your website, etc.

An entry in the *Australian Mining* Prospect Awards can get your company the recognition it deserves.

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted from mine personnel and any mining company/contractor (supplier in the case of Innovative Mining Solution) associated with the Australian mining industry.

Finalist Selection

A panel of judges with expertise in the Australian mining industry will determine the finalists in each category on the basis on demonstrated innovation and excellence in outcome.

For specific selection criteria for each category please refer to the *Australian Mining Prospect Award Categories* document included in this kit.

Winner Selection

From the finalists selected, the judging panel will determine a winner and highly commended entry in each category. For specific selection criteria for each category please refer to the *Australian Mining Prospect Award Categories* document included in this kit.

Announcement of Winners

Finalists will be published in the November issue of *Australian Mining* and on www.miningaustralia.com.au; winners will be published in the December issue.

Winning companies will be presented with their trophies and certificates at an awards presentation ceremony and dinner at a Sydney city venue on Wednesday evening 22 October.

How to Submit a Nomination

A nomination for an *Australian Mining Prospect Award* may be submitted by mine personnel or any mining company/contractor (supplier in the case of Innovative Mining Solution) associated with the Australian mining industry.

Entry to the *Australian Mining Prospect Awards* is **FREE**.

The nominations can be submitted electronically via email or posted on a disk.

What to Send

For EACH entry submit the following:

- One nomination cover form
- One document with your entry submission.
- A minimum of two different colour photographs or graphics that compliment the written description. These must be provided in jpeg, tif or gif format at 300dpi resolution. Alternatively 35mm transparencies, drawings and other materials as applicable can be submitted. If unable to supply digital images you may submit hard copy versions that can be scanned.

Deadline

All entries must be received no later than 19 June 2008 to meet judging and production deadlines.

Where to Send Nominations

By email to ozmining@reedbusiness.com.au

For supporting material in hard copy or applications on disk, please send to;

Australian Mining Prospect Awards

Attn: Editor – Australian Mining, Tower 2 - 475 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067

or via courier to:

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For more information, or additional nomination forms contact the editor of Australian Mining on 02 9422 2352 or email ozmining@reedbusiness.com.au.

CATEGORIES

Please type your nomination on a separate document, clearly stating your name, company and category entered at the top of each page.

Each nomination must not exceed 2000 words, with no more than 10 accompanying charts/graphs/photographs, etc.

The judging criteria for each category is listed below. Please carefully read the criteria for the category you are entering and follow these guidelines to supply information regarding your entry.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2008

CATEGORIES:

1. Australian Mine of the Year

Entries should outline how a mine has improved productivity or has reached notable milestones using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement;
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

2. Mine Manager of the Year

Entries should show how a mine manager/general manager has led a team to improve productivity, safety, environmental standards and/or reached notable milestones.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

3. Best Contract Miner of the Year

Entries should show how a contract miner has improved productivity and/or safety using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

4. Best Metalliferous Mine of the Year

Entries should outline how a metalliferous mine has improved productivity or has reached notable milestones using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement;
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

5. Minerals Processing Plant of the Year

Entries should outline how a minerals processing plant has improved productivity, safety, environmental standards or has reached notable milestones using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

6. Excellence in Mine OH&S

Entries should outline how a mine has specifically improved safety standards using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

7. Excellence in Environmental Management

Entries should show how a mine has specifically improved environmental standards using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

8. Community Partnership of the Year

Entries should outline how a mine operator has implemented a unique or innovative program or project that has positively influenced people in host communities – particularly remote and indigenous communities. Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

9. Innovative Mining Solution

Entries should describe how a mining solution, be that a new technology, innovative processes or techniques, has led to real mining improvements.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of solution
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

10. Explorer of the Year

Entries should outline how a company has made new discoveries or significantly extended known deposits by innovatively reinterpreting data or by using new data, technology, processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

11. Coal Mine of the Year

Entries should outline how a coal mine has improved productivity or has reached notable milestones using new technology, innovative processes or techniques.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement;
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

12. Most Outstanding Contribution to Mining

Entries should outline how an individual from industry, government, academia or an industry body has significantly effected positive change in mining or minerals processing in Australia in 2007-08.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

13. Australian Mining Employer of Choice Award

Entries should outline how a mine has successfully attracted, trained and retained staff through innovative and unique strategies that promote the company as an employer of choice.

Applications should include:

- succinct description of achievement;
- methods, technology or techniques used and how

14. Australian Mining Trainee or Apprentice of the Year

Entries or nominations should outline how an apprentice or trainee has significantly effected positive change in mining or minerals processing in Australia in 2007-08. Applications should include a succinct description of achievement. Trainees or apprentices must be employed in the resources industry, and completed [not more than one year previously], or are currently enrolled in, a vocational education and training course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification.