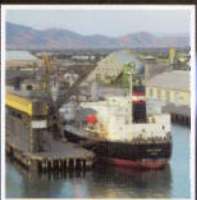


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□ AusIMM awards – a celebration of excellence



Three of Xstrata's very own have received top awards from the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM).

Steve de Kruijff – Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland, Peter Woodall and Paul Johnson accepted their awards, announced earlier this year, at the annual AusIMM dinner and awards presentation at the Gold Coast on 5 July.

Paving the way to safety

Steve was awarded the AusIMM Jim Torlach Health and Safety Award for his commitment to improving the safety and health of his people.

"Steve is a man who is passionate about the safety of his people, and has applied that passion to ensure organisational safety goals are implemented consistently and successfully at the operational level," said Michael Catchpole – AusIMM Chief Executive.

"Steve has been at the forefront of safety and health innovation through programs developed and implemented by teams under his management. He has ensured sustainable improvements in performance and provided strong leadership to the hard-rock mining industry of Queensland."

Steve has overseen the implementation of many innovations over the past few years. These include the re-organisation of the safety and health functions and increases in the resources committed to training; an inclusive safety communication and improvement system; and a two year

Following on from the awards, Steve was asked to present at AusIMM's Sustainable Development Indicators in Mining Conference, held from 6 to 7 July on the Gold Coast.

Steve's paper entitled: *Xstrata Copper North Queensland—remaining sustainable during challenging times* outlined the challenges facing Xstrata Copper North Queensland, the opportunities we have to overcome these challenges and our approach to sustainability (incorporating our economic, environmental, social and safety performances).

study focused on 'over period of time' injuries in key underground mining roles, identifying opportunities to make improvements to equipment and task design.

"The leadership and passion Steve de Kruijff applies to the health and safety of workers in the industry continues to deliver results," said Michael.

Congratulations Steve, you're an inspiration to your people and the mining industry.

Taking technology to a new level

Congratulations to Bill Johnson – former Minerals Processing

Manager for Mount Isa Mines, and Peter Woodall – Senior Mechanical Engineer, who jointly received the Mineral Industry Operating Technique Award (MIOTA) this month alongside Steve de Kruijff.

Bill and Peter were the driving force in the development of the IsaMill™, leading the design changes to upscale and modify the technology for the mining industry.

Their work resulted in the creation of a new technology which has moved from fine grinding to mainstream minerals grinding.

The successful development of the IsaMill™ enabled the development of the McArthur River Deposit which until then had been untreatable. IsaMill™ later proved to be the enabling technology for Xstrata Zinc's George Fisher mine deposit and Black Star open cut deposits at Mount Isa Mines ■