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Managing Mining Costs through Sound Geotechnical Engineering

The second meeting for 2013 was held on November 7 and 8 at the Stamford Grand Hotel in Glenelg, Adelaide. It was the first combined meeting of the EAGCG and the Western Australia Ground Control Group (WAGCG). The contribution of the Members of the latter Group, and the assistance with organising the event provided by Ruth Stephenson and Emrich Hamman, made this a memorable event.

Eighty ground control practitioners and eleven students heard three excellent keynote presentations:

- Mike Sandy from Australian Mining Consultants (AMC) discussed “Key Geotechnical factors Affecting Costs in Underground Mining”.
- John Simmons from Sherwood Geotechnical and Research Services (SGRS) discussed “Implementing Design: Excavation & Quality Control”.
- Laura Hayman from Coffey International Ltd discussed “Australian Ground Support Practices and Indicative Costs”.

Eighteen other speakers gave presentations of the highest standards on various aspects of the timely theme. Issues raised by the presentations stimulated lively discussions and the sharing of ideas and experiences; providing opportunities to do so being a fundamental reason for these meetings and the existence of the Groups.

Prizes for the best presentation of each day could have gone to any of the presenters. However there can only be two winners and these were:

- Ben Barsanti’s (Newmont) presentation “Optimising Stope Stability at Callie Underground Mine”.
- David Sainsbury’s (MiningOne) presentation “Optimisation of mine fill cementation through advanced geomechanics”.

The Groups thanks all presenters for sharing their experiences and appreciates the considerable time they took to prepare such great talks.

The Groups could not have provided such a high-quality meeting at such a low cost if not for the generous support of the 16 sponsors: AMC Consultants, Applied Concrete Solutions, AusMining, BASF, BOSFA, DSI, Elasto-Plastic-Concrete (EPC), Ferro, Geobruugg, Jennmar, MiningOne, Orica, Rock Australia, Sika, Stratacrete and Surtron. Their support is greatly appreciated by the Groups and all attendees. You can link to their websites from the sponsors’ page on the EAGCG’s site <http://eagcg.org/>.

The presentations will soon be uploaded to a password protected area on the EAGCG website and will be downloadable by attendees. A password to do so will be sent to attendees in the next few weeks.

The next meeting will be held in Melbourne in the 1st quarter of 2014. Members will be kept informed by email, LinkedIn and the EAGCG’s web site as details become known. Please contact the EAGCG Committee at secretariat@eagcg.org for sponsorship and participation information.

If you know of any industry personnel who would like to be added to our mailing list, get them LinkedIn to the Group and/or registered at <http://eagcg.org/contact/register/>.

Regards

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