

NOVEMBER 2012 HOBART Vertical Development

The EAGCG's third meeting for 2012 was held on November 7 and 8 at the Mecure Hotel, Hobart. A meeting on the same topic was held previously in May 2007 in Townsville.

Sixty ground control professionals heard two excellent keynote presentations:

- Dan O'Toole from Pitt and Sherry discussed various case studies from his 20 years experience with vertical development.
- Peter Hills from Pit and Sherry discussed the comprehensive stress monitoring program that was in place at Beaconsfield mine.

Thirteen other speakers gave presentations of the highest standard; one on the different types of vertical development, five on design, four on construction and three on maintenance issues. The issues raised by the presentations stimulated valuable discussions and the sharing of ideas and experiences amongst the attendees. Providing opportunities to do so is the fundamental reason for the Group holding these meetings and for its existence.

AMC Consultants provided prizes for the best presentation of each day to:

- Matthew Crawford's (Shaft Lining Australia) presentation on Shotcrete in Vertical Development
- Bill Lannen's (Manacala) presentation on Shaft Sinking.

The Group thanks all presenters for sharing their experiences and greatly appreciates the considerable time they took out of their busy lives to prepare their talks. Without such contributions the Group could not exist.

The Group could also not provide such high quality meetings at such a low cost if not for the generous support of our sixteen sponsors: AMC Consultants, Applied Concrete Solutions, BASF, BOSFA, Coffey, DSI, Elasto Plastic Concrete, Ferro, Geobrugg, Jemar, MiningOne Consultants, Minova, Rock Australia, Shaft Lining Australia, Sika and Surtron, Their support is appreciated by the Committee and by all attendees.

The next meeting will be held in Spring 2013. Its location and topic are still to be decided. Members will be kept informed by email and on the Group's web page www.eagcg.org as details become known. Please contact the Committee at eagcg@ausimm.com.au for sponsorship and participation information. If you know of any industry personnel who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Committee at the above email address and provide as many of their contact details as possible.

Regards

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