



Metalliferous Mines and Extractive Industries Competence Board

Communique

24 February 2010 Board meeting

The Metalliferous Mines and Extractive Industries Competence Board is continuing to undertake consultation with the mining industry about its draft Action Plan.

The Board met with representatives from five major regional metalliferous mines during its February meeting at Cobar on 24 February 2010.

The feedback received during the consultation indicated strong support for the priorities identified in the Board's draft Action Plan.

These priorities include:

- the development of standards of competence for functions in the mining industry
- the maintenance of competence of those people performing functions
- the development of standards for registered training organisations servicing the metalliferous mines and extractive industries.

Representatives from CSA Mines, Peak Gold Mines, Endeavor Mine, Tritton Mine and Perilya Mine met with the Board at Cobar.

The Board will consider the feedback received as part of its consultation process before finalising the Action Plan.

The Board was established to improve mine safety performance by ensuring the competence of people to work safely in the NSW mining industry. It advises the Minister for Mineral Resources and was established in 2008 following the introduction of the *Mine Health and Safety Act 2004*.

Peter Black OAM was appointed the inaugural Chairman and the Board has representation from the NSW Minerals Council, Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia, the Australian Workers Union (AWU), the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), people with expertise in the development and assessment of competence in the mining industry and senior officers from Mine Safety within Industry & Investment NSW.