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ANNOUNCEMENT – 2023 AMEC AWARDS

Winners of the 2023 Association of Mining and Exploration Companies' (AMEC) Awards were announced last night, during a gala dinner at Optus Stadium, Perth.

In front of 500 guests from across the sector, the prestigious awards also celebrated 30 years of the Prospector Award and highlighted the importance, not only economically, that the mining and exploration industry contributes to Australia.

“These awards are an opportunity to pause and reflect on the great achievements of the individuals and companies that work tirelessly around the country every day,” said AMEC Chief Executive Officer Warren Pearce.

“To showcase the industry’s commitment to exploration, diversity and inclusion, the environment, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander empowerment, and contribution to community, is testament to the enduring benefits provided by this industry.”

Taking out the 2023 **Prospector Award** were Matt Crowe, Luke Blais, Nick Chapman and Ross Chandler for the Yin Discovery in Western Australia’s Gascoyne region.

“This award recognises four individuals from Dreadnought Resources, responsible for the first drill holes intersecting the highest grade intercepts the region had seen in over 50 years.”

“The Yin Discovery breathes new life into an unloved part of WA for a critical metals future, and is the result of challenging paradigms followed by the execution of technical excellence,” Mr Pearce said.

S2 Resources won the **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Empowerment Award**, for their work in Victoria at the Greater Fosterville Project.

Working with two separate traditional owner groups, S2 Resources successfully found common ground that enabled the protection of sacred sites whilst exploration works could continue.

“A willingness to listen and work with traditional owners demonstrates the ability for companies to co-exist with local groups. It also created a deed template for traditional owners and companies to access in the future.”

Teck Australia were rewarded for their partnership with the Moriarty Foundation’s Indi Kindi Program, winning the **Community Contribution Award**.

An early years solution for children under five in remote Aboriginal communities, Teck has committed to the Indi Kindi Program since 2018, helping transform the lives of Indigenous youth in the communities they operate.

IGO Limited took home the **Environment Award**, with a creative solution to reduce carbon emissions. By using a by-product from their partner, Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia, they were able to partially replace cement binders with delithiated beta spodumene (DPS) and reduce landfill waste.

“It was obvious that IGO’s environmental contribution deserved recognition. Their innovative solution helped lower carbon emissions and created a sustainable solution for their underground mining operations,” said Mr Pearce.

The Diversity and Inclusion Award reflects the importance of encouraging and providing for diversity and inclusion in the mining industry. Gold Road Resources won for exceeding targets for both Indigenous and female participation in their workplace.

“Not only did Gold Road beat industry averages in diversity and inclusion, an impressive 40% of their leadership positions are held by women.”

The **Media Award** saw Queensland based ABC reporter, Halina Baczkowski, honoured for her investigation into farmers facing a global fertiliser supply shortage.

“Halina visited disused mines in regional Queensland, speaking to industry experts about a creative solution to create phosphate fertiliser. It showed how both the agricultural and mining industries can work together to benefit the Australian people.”

To conclude, Mr Pearce paid tribute to the “High calibre field of winners and finalists across all categories, illustrating the vast contribution of industry, often unrecognised by the greater community.”

For further background or to speak to CEO Warren Pearce or any of the award winners, please contact Ryan Rampling - 0419 809 341 / ryan.rampling@amec.org.au

Congratulations to the 2023 AMEC Award Winners:

AMEC Prospector Award - Matt Crowe, Luke Blais, Nick Chapman and Ross Chandler for the Yin Discovery

AMEC Community Contribution Award - Teck Australia

AMEC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Empowerment Award - S2 Resources

AMEC Diversity and Inclusion Award - Gold Road Resources

AMEC Media Award - Halina Baczkowski, ABC Landline

AMEC Environment Award - IGO

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