

MINING CERTIFICATION EVALUATION PROJECT

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BACKGROUND

This is the sixth in a series of regular updates on the Mining Certification Evaluation Project (MCEP).

The MCEP is a joint R&D exercise with participation from the mining industry, NGOs, labour, government agencies, the financial and accounting sector and research institutions. It aims to evaluate whether independent third party certification of performance can be applied to the mining sector.

PROJECT PROGRESS

From November 2003 to March 2004, *Working Paper 1 – Principles and Criteria for Certification* was open for public feedback. The MCEP Working Group met on 25 May 2004 to finalise the Principles and Criteria (section 9 of Working Paper 1) and decided to accept some of the suggestions submitted.

These Principles and Criteria will form the basis of the Audit Protocol, which will be used to guide the judgement of performance against the MCEP criteria. Preparation of this protocol is currently underway and will be implemented in Phase 2, the field trials. The Working Group will review and refine this protocol in June/July 2004.

Field trials at five mine sites around Australia will commence in July 2004 and will run through November or December. These trials are to test the MCEP concepts, not the mines, and will place an emphasis on research and learning. They aim to evaluate the principles and criteria – their applicability, relevance and any gaps – as well as methods for their assessment and processes for local stakeholder engagement.

PUBLICATIONS

The MCEP web site is online at:
<http://www.minerals.csiro.au/certification>

New downloads available at the site:

- Notes of discussions at Working Group meetings 7 and 8.

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