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Workshop targets a paradigm shift in Comminution practices

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CEEC International, in conjunction with JKTech Ltd, has drawn an “A” list of industry, supply and research practitioners to workshop and develop roadmaps to achieve a paradigm shift in the practice of mineral crushing and grinding (comminution).

The by-invitation-only event will feature key note presentations from Dr Geoff Garratt, Queensland’s Chief Scientist along with a number of senior mining industry professionals. Industry practitioners are travelling to the event from around the globe from mining companies including Gold Fields, Newmont, Newcrest, Barrick, BHP Billiton, AngloGold Ashanti, and MMG. Leading supply companies such as Outotec, Metso, Ausenco, Gekko Systems, Xstrata Technology, Whittle Consulting and Energetics will be in attendance as well as global researchers from Utah, JKMR, AMIRA and the Sustainable Minerals Institute at the University of Queensland.

CEEC Director and Workshop organiser Prof Tim Napier-Munn commented “Comminution is widely recognised as one of the highest energy consumers in mineral processing. Industrial practitioners and the R&D community have done much good work to address the challenge of energy use in comminution in recent years. However paradigm change remains elusive, and much of what is already known is not being broadly or effectively applied. To address this dilemma CEEC International Ltd and JKTech Pty Ltd have teamed together to facilitate the inaugural CEEC Workshop in Energy Efficient Comminution.”

Senior mining company staff will collaborate with equipment suppliers, service providers and researchers in this unique forum to generate a plan for the implementation of more eco-efficient comminution practices across the industry.

“It is exciting to engage senior and influential industry members in developing a coordinated approach to improve energy efficiency in comminution” commented CEEC International Ltd Chair Elizabeth Lewis-Gray. The event will be held in Noosa in June. “Outcomes from this Workshop will be shared through publications and presentations in industry journals and at global conferences such as IMPC and Enermin 2012.” Participants in the Workshop will come from across the globe: all continents will be represented.



About CEEC: CEEC (Coalition for Eco-Efficient Comminution) was established in 2011 to support knowledge sharing and change in an area of high energy consumption for the mineral industry. CEEC is a not-for-profit company funded by grants from the mineral industry, whose mission is to accelerate knowledge and technology transfer in the field of energy-efficient comminution. www.ceecthefuture.org.

CEEC aims to raise awareness of beneficial comminution strategies with the objective of improving earnings, achieving lower process costs and gaining energy efficiencies in the mining sector. Launched in May 2011, CEEC is sponsored by Teck Resources Ltd, Gold Fields Ltd, Ausenco, Newcrest Mining Ltd, Xstrata Technology Ltd, Outotec, Metso, AMIRA International, JKTech Ltd, Sustainable Mineral Institute, Gekko Systems, Russell Mineral Equipment, and IndoPhil Resources NL.

CEEC has a comprehensive web site with a selected library of papers and presentations relating to eco-efficient comminution. Regular blog contributions are posted in the web site, as well as on CEEC's LinkedIn Group. Over 400 LinkedIn members from all over the globe participate in the debate and knowledge sharing through this group.

CEEC awards a Medal annually for the most outstanding paper on eco-efficient comminution, details may be found on the CEEC web site. Nominations for the 2013 Medal close on March 15 2013.

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