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BALLARAT ENGINEERS TAKE OUT GLOBAL MINING AWARD

Two Ballarat-based mining engineers have been awarded a prestigious global medal for innovation at the International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC) 2015 gala dinner in Melbourne overnight.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio presented Nigel Grigg and Georges Delemontex from Ballarat's Gekko Systems Ltd with the Coalition for Energy Efficient Comminution (CEEC) medal for 2015.

The CEEC is a global not-for-profit organisation that promotes technological innovation.

Mr Grigg and Mr Delemontex were jointly awarded the medal for their contribution to outstanding innovation and productivity improvements in the field of mineral processing from crushed ore.

Using specialist equipment invented by Gekko Systems Ltd, the pair was able to demonstrate the production efficiency gains and profit derived from an improved process of removing low-value material before the ore is finely crushed to obtain a higher concentration of the valuable minerals and metals.

Gekko Systems Ltd exports its technology worldwide to global miners, exemplifying the world-leading innovation of Victoria's 1900 companies in the mining, equipment, technology and services sector.

The presentation of the CEEC medal capped off IMARC 2015. Around 2,500 delegates from more than 30 countries attended the three day mining conference in Melbourne, including 13 international Mining Ministers, CEOs and decision makers from the global mining industry.

It is the second year Melbourne has hosted the event, which gives Victorian mining, equipment, technology and services businesses exposure to international projects and supply chain opportunities in the multibillion-dollar global industry.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio

"I'm very pleased to present the international CEEC medal to engineers from a Ballarat-based company. It is testimony to the innovation and dedication of Victoria's mining and services industry."

"There are around 1900 Victorian businesses employing more than 21,000 people in mining technology, equipment and services in Australia. It's a growth industry providing high-skilled, high wage jobs for Victorians."

"Victoria is the biggest exporter of mining technology, equipment and services in Australia, with the sector valued at \$17 billion in 2012."