

Message from The Minister



*Message from
Hon David Llewellyn MP
Minister for Resources*

Tasmanian Minerals Council
& Mineral Resources Tasmania
2009 Exploration Group Forum

It is my pleasure once again to support the Tasmanian Minerals Council in the holding of the 2009 Exploration Group Forum.

The purpose of this important annual gathering is to highlight the many exploration opportunities which Tasmania offers and how exploration can be greatly assisted by the use of data supplied by Mineral Resources Tasmania.

Mining and mineral processing continue to be pillars of the State's economy, providing about 53% of our export income.

Despite the global economic downturn, the Tasmanian mining sector is in a relatively stable position, although, as with other jurisdictions, mineral exploration has slowed.

However, a number of projects are operating at a high level and high metal prices for gold are likely to encourage exploration for that commodity.

In fact there are positive opportunities for companies prepared to invest in mining and exploration projects during a downturn in the economic cycle.

Over the past decade the Tasmanian and Australian Governments have invested over \$16 million in developing new geophysical and geological information, digital geological maps over Tasmania's most mineralised regions, and a world-first 3-D geological model and prospectivity analysis of the entire State.

The Tasmanian Government strongly supports the minerals industry and has supported Mineral Resources Tasmania in the development of the TIGER geoscientific information system, which includes the capacity to freely download all internal and publicly available company reports from the MRT website.

I encourage you to attend and support this year's Forum, for which the organisers have put together an exciting program that is sure to stimulate your interest in the State and still give you time to network.

This is a challenging time for the industry and I look forward to seeing you at the Forum.

Hon David Llewellyn MP
Minister for Primary Industries & Water
Minister for Energy & Resources
Minister for Planning

2009 Exploration Group Forum

13 - 15 May 2009

Country Club Tasmania, Launceston



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Wednesday May 13th

5.30 pm Registration

6.00 – 7.00 pm Happy Hour
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7.00 pm Welcome Dinner
Guest Speaker

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Thursday May 14th

Day 1

9.00 – 10.30 am

	Terry Long CEO, Tasmanian Minerals Council Limited	Opening Remarks
9.00 – 9.30	John Peters Senior Economist Global Markets & Treasury, Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2009 Economic & Financial Market Outlook
9.30 – 9.50	Rob Nicholl Deputy Secretary, Department of Treasury & Finance	Tasmania's Economy 2009 and Beyond
9.50 – 10.10	Norm McIlpatrick Secretary, Department of Infrastructure Energy & Resources	State Infrastructure Strategy
10.10 – 10.30	Grant Dooley Director, China Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	China's Role in Australian Resources Sector

10.30 – 11.00 am

Morning Tea

11.00 – 1.00 pm

11.00 – 11.20	Venture Minerals	Andrew Radonjic
11.30 – 11.50	Beaconsfield Gold NL	Peter Thompson
12.00 – 12.20	Barrick Henty	Steve Farmer
12.30 – 12.50	Stellar Resources Limited	Tom Burrowes

1.00 – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 pm

2.00 – 2.20	Grange Resources	Wayne Bould
2.20 – 2.40	Renison/Metals X Limited	Scott Huffadine
2.40 – 3.00	OZ Minerals Rosebery	Todd McGilvray
3.00 – 3.20	Bass Metals Ltd	Kim Denwer

3.30 – 4.00 pm

Afternoon Tea

4.00 – 5.00 pm

4.00 – 4.20	Mineral Resources Tasmania	Geoff Green
4.20 – 4.40	CODES, University of Tasmania	Ross Large
4.40 – 5.00	AuScope Limited Tasmanian Minerals Council – Summation	Bob Haydon Terry Long

5.00 – 6.00 pm

Free Time

6.00 – 7.00 pm **Pre Dinner Drinks**

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7.00 pm

Dinner

Guest Speaker ~ Denis Rogers AO



Denis Rogers is the current Chairman of the Tasmanian Development Board. He was Chairman of Cricket Australia (Australian Cricket Board) for 6 years and recently retired as Chairman of the Tasmanian Cricket Association. In recognition of his services to the community, his appointment as an officer in the Order of Australia was announced in the Australia Day Honours List for 2002.

Friday May 15th

Day 2

9.00 – 10.30 am

9.00 – 9.30	Terry Long CEO, Tasmanian Minerals Council Limited	Opening Remarks
9.30 – 9.50	Nyrstar	Greg Zooeff
10.00 – 10.20	Cement Australia	Peter Ives

10.30 – 11.00 am

Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.30 pm

11.00 – 11.20	Roaring 40's	John Titchen
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Formed through a partnership between energy giants Hydro Tasmania and the CLP Group, Roaring 40s vision is to be the leading renewable energy developer in Australia.

11.20 – 11.40	Hydro Tasmania	Vince Hawksworth
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Hydro Tasmania is Australia's leading renewable energy business and largest manager of water. It provides renewable energy to the national grid and trades energy and environmental products in the National Electricity Market. Hydro Tasmania Consulting provides energy and water solutions for hydropower and renewable energy, dams, catchment management, environment and power engineering in the Asia-Pacific region.

11.40 – 12.00	Aurora Energy (Tamar Valley) Pty Ltd trading as AETV Power	Mike Brewster
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AETV Power is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aurora Energy responsible for the construction and operation of the Tamar Valley Power Station. The introduction of this plant will assist in creating a competitive generation market in Tasmania and greatly contribute to the State's energy security.

Michael Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for setting up the operations of AETV Power and completing the construction of the \$480M power station development, following the sale of the partially built station from Babcock Brown Power to Aurora Energy in September 2008.

12.00	Closing Remarks	Terry Long, CEO, Tasmanian Minerals Council
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12.30 pm

Light Lunch

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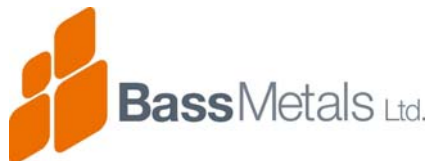
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Bass Metals Ltd (ASX: BSM) is an Australian base and precious metal production company with a portfolio of high-quality assets in the world-class Mount Read Volcanic mineral belt in northwest Tasmania.

The company has a clear growth strategy & capability; *Consolidate – Build – Grow*

- **Consolidate** - financial position with high grade ore production from Que River;
- **Build** – up the asset base focussing on realistic mine developments, with low capital costs such as the Hellyer Mine Project; and,
- **Grow** – to generate long term shareholder value through exploration and acquisition.

The Company's growth strategy centres on the development of a 'pipeline' of production, near-production and exploration assets in this prolific mineral belt, with strong leverage to a substantial new discovery through its extensive regional ground holding. In December 2008 Bass Metals significantly expanded its asset base with the transformational acquisition of the Hellyer Mill and associated infrastructure. The current focus for the group is to complete its Feasibility Study for the polymetallic Hellyer Mine project and continue its efforts to make a major new discovery on its highly prospective tenement position.

The Company is Australia's largest tin producer. It holds a pipeline of diverse assets from exploration to development, which include the Renison and Mt Bischoff Tin Projects, the world-class Wingellina Nickel Project and a strong portfolio of nickel production royalties, as well as significant strategic investments in the emerging ASX listed junior exploration companies, Westgold Resource Ltd, Aragon Resources Ltd and Agaton Phosphate Pty Ltd.

The Company's current growth strategy is underpinned by the Tasmanian Tin Operations, the assets of which are held within the wholly owned subsidiary company, Bluestone Mines Tasmania Pty Ltd ("**BMT**"). The key assets of BMT which represent the cornerstone of the Australian Tin Industry are the Renison Bell Mine, Renison Tin Concentrator, Mt Bischoff Tin Project and the Renison Expansion Project ("**Rentails**"). The operations are currently scheduled to produce 6-8Kt p.a. of tin metal from the current operations with scope to grow to more than 12Kt p.a. total production through the Renison Expansion Project (Rentails).

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7 for 7.30 p.m. (includes beverages)

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THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

CONFERENCE DAY 1 @ \$200 / \$160 _____
Includes M/Tea, Buffet Luncheon, A/Tea

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FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

CONFERENCE DAY 2 @ \$175 / \$140 _____
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Total: \$ _____

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