

Message from The Minister



*Message from
Hon Bryan Green MP
Minister for Energy & Resources*

Tasmanian Minerals Council
& Mineral Resources Tasmania
Tasmanian Minerals Conference 2011

It is my pleasure to offer the State Government's support for the staging of the 2011 Tasmanian Minerals Council/Mineral Resources Tasmania Conference.

The purpose of this important annual gathering is to present the latest information on the outlook for the industry, exploration results and relevant research projects. Our mining and mineral processing industries continue to play a pivotal role in, and to make a major contribution to, the State's economy, contributing more than 40% to the State's gross export income.

In fact latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics highlight a resurgent mineral exploration sector which is contributing strongly to Tasmania's economic recovery. Exploration levels are now higher than before the global economic downturn and Tasmania's national share of mineral exploration expenditure has almost doubled with six successive quarterly increases.

The discovery of new mineral-bearing deposits is the lifeblood of the industry and crucial to sustaining it in the long term.

This is why the State Government has been very pro-active in promoting exploration and mining – and it is paying off.

We have promoted the production of new geoscientific information, including the world's first 3-D geological model of an entire jurisdiction. We have also funded the TasExplore initiative to update geoscientific information and to promote Tasmania's potential.

For this year's conference the organisers have put together a program that is sure to stimulate your interest and still give you time to network. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Bryan Green MP
Minister for Energy & Resources

Tasmanian Minerals Conference 2011

11 - 13 May 2011

Country Club Tasmania, Launceston



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Wednesday May 12th

6.00 – 7.00 pm

Happy Hour

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All registered delegates welcome



7.00 pm

Welcome Dinner

Guest Speaker

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Thursday May 12th

Day 1

9.00 – 10.30 am

9.00	Terry Long CEO, Tasmanian Minerals Council Limited	Opening Remarks
9.15	John Peters Senior Economist Global Markets & Treasury, Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2011 Economic & Financial Market Outlook
10.00	Chris Lock Director, Economic Policy Department of Treasury & Finance	Tasmania's economic performance - recent trends and emerging issues

10.30 – 11.00 am

Morning Tea

11.00 – 1.00 pm

11.00	Bluestone Mines Tasmania JV Pty Ltd	Colin Carter
11.30	MMG Minerals & Metals Group Rosebery	David Wallace
12.00	Grange Resources Limited	Ben Maynard
12.30	Vedanta Copper Mines of Tasmania	Geoff Cordery

1.00 – 2.00 pm

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Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 pm

2.00	Bass Metals Ltd	Mike Rosenstreich
2.30	Unity Mining Limited – Henty Gold Mine	Angela Lorrigan
3.00	Nyrstar	Todd Milne

3.30 – 4.00 pm

Afternoon Tea

4.00 – 5.00 pm

4.00	BCD Resources (Operations) NL – Tasmania Mine	Peter Thompson
4.30	Mineral Resources Tasmania <i>Updates on the TasExplore Project</i>	Mark Duffett / Mike Vicary / Jafar Taheri
5.00	Tasmanian Minerals Council – Summation	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 – John Xintavelonis

Friday May 13th

Day 2

9.00 – 10.30 am

	Terry Long CEO, Tasmanian Minerals Council Limited	
9.00	Norm McIlpatrick Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources	Infrastructure Challenges – keeping up with mining sector demands
9.30	Derek Yip China Economic & Trade Section, DFAT	Chinese mineral demand and the Tasmanian link
10.00	Damien White CEO, Tasrail	Growing the Tasmanian economy with a modern rail freight network

10.30 – 11.00 am

Morning Tea

11.00 – 1.15 pm THE STUMP – EXPLORATION TALKS

11.00 – 11.15	Venture Minerals	Andrew Radonjic
11.20 – 11.35	Proto Resources & Investments Ltd	Andrew Mortimer
11.40 – 11.55	New Hope Group	Wes Nichols
12.00 – 12.15	Stellar Resources	Tom Burrowes
12.20 – 12.35	MHM Metals Pty Ltd	Liezl Cuison
12.40 – 12.55	Shree Minerals Ltd	Sanjay Loyalka

1.00

CLOSING REMARKS

1.15 pm

Light Lunch

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Currently, Boart Longyear's global presence of more than 1,100 drill rigs includes significant activity in the Asia Pacific region. Tasmania alone has 13 rigs operating and 100 employees. With a broad array of specialized services in the drilling industry Boart Longyear can accommodate specific application needs on a worldwide basis.

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Proto Resources & Investments Ltd (ASX: PRW) is an emerging Australian miner, on the verge of production

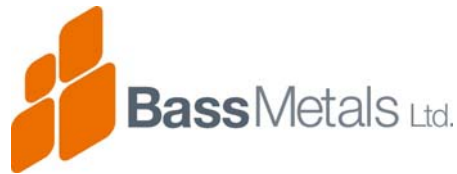
Proto Resources' flagship is the Barnes Hill nickel-cobalt-iron project located in northern Tasmania, which is steadily advancing towards production. Currently under approvals, Barnes Hill is slated to commence mining in early 2013 with a potential mine life of up to 26 years at 250,000t per annum.

An updated resource of 6.6Mt (indicated and inferred) @ 0.81% Ni and 0.05% Co at a 0.5% Ni cut-off was recently estimated for Barnes Hill following a drill-out of 641 holes completed in 2010. Barnes Hill's economics are enhanced further through the application of a patented nickel laterite processing technology. This technology promises to slash OPEX and CAPEX by 'recycling' sulphuric acid and turning secondary metals, magnesium and iron, into saleable products.

On the exploration front, Proto Resources is exploring in the Northern Territory for the possibility that the Antrim Plateau Volcanics could host a Norilsk Style nickel, copper and platinum group element (PGE) 'super-system.' In addition, the company has recently acquired a suite of projects in the Doolgunna region of Western Australia and an historical mine at Clara Hill that also has nickel-copper-PGE prospectivity.

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Bass Metals Ltd (ASX: BSM)

is a growth focussed Australian base and precious metal producer with a portfolio of high quality zinc, lead, copper and gold assets in the rich Mt Read Volcanic belt in northwest Tasmania

Listing in 2005, Bass has delivered operating profits for the past three years since 2008 based on its profitable base metals production hub at Que River in Tasmania.

The Company's larger transformational Hellyer Mine Project has commenced production from the Fossey deposit, discovered by Bass in September 2007. The planned ore treatment rate is 500,000 tonnes per annum (tpa), through the Hellyer Mill to produce 55,000 tpa of zinc concentrate, 27,000 tpa of lead concentrates and 5,000 tpa of copper-silver-gold concentrates. In January 2010, Bass signed a committed off-take contract with global multi-metals business, Nyrstar, for all zinc and lead concentrates produced from the Fossey mine.

The Company also has an active and successful exploration programme which has yielded new discoveries such as Fossey and new exploration targets through the use of new exploration techniques not applied in the district before. The Company's has significant gold and polymetallic resources and is currently undertaking a feasibility study following on from positive scoping study outcomes indicating the potential to become a long-term, significant scale gold producer.

Bass has differentiated itself through successfully finding high grade polymetallic resources, strategically and incrementally building up its assets and production profile to now become an emerging mid-tier diversified mining business.



Metals X Limited (ASX:MLX) is an Australian based diversified metals & mineral producer, developer and explorer

Bluestone Mines Tasmania Joint Venture Pty Ltd operates the Renison tin operation near Zeehan on the West Coast of Tasmania. The Joint Venture currently produces 2.5% of global tin supply, with the Renison operations historically producing in excess of 200,000t of tin metal. Renison ranks as a world class deposit and is one of the premier hard rock tin mines currently operating globally in a commodity which is forecast to remain in short supply.

Current operations were recommenced in mid 2008 by Bluestone Mines Tasmania Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Metals X Ltd. In March 2010 a 50/50 joint venture was formed with YT Parksong Australia Holdings Pty Ltd, forming a strategic alliance with the world's largest tin producer, the Yunnan Tin Group who produce 25% of global tin supply.

A continued aggressive approach to exploration has culminated in a 40% increase in reserves during the past 12 months. At current throughput rates this represents a doubling of mine life from 2 to 4 years. The underground operations alone host a 15 year resource base, and the current strategy is targeting continued Life of Mine reserve increases during 2011.

A detailed feasibility study has been completed on the Renison Expansion project (Rentails). This is currently undergoing review by the Joint Venture partners in regards to alternative scales and development concepts. It contains over 18.5 million tonnes and 82,000t of tin metal in reserve, and once developed will run over 9 years, increase tin output by 5000tpa and employ an additional 75 direct positions.

Bluestone directly employs in excess of 130 full time and 100 contract staff, and continues to focus on building a long life operation from the strong platform that has been re-established over the last 5 years for the benefit of all stakeholders.



Shaw Contracting aims to be a civil and mining contractor determined to maintain leadership and be the best in the industry. The strength of the company, now and in the future, mirrors exactly the strength of the team - our people are confident, visionary and future oriented. We constantly seek better ways.

Shaw is a leading Tasmanian civil contracting company, which specialises in difficult and challenging projects. Shaw's expertise and its multi-skilled workforce enables it to manage the most challenging projects, consistently delivering on time and to the highest standards.

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6.00 pm - 7.00pm (no cost to delegates)

DINNER @ \$100 Member @ \$80 _____
7 for 7.30 p.m. (includes beverages)

ADDITIONAL GUEST @ \$100 /\$80 _____
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THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011

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

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FRIDAY 13 MAY 2011

CONFERENCE DAY 2 @ \$175 /\$140 _____
Includes M/Tea & Buffet Luncheon

Total: \$ _____

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