



KCGM Media Statement Monday 1st November 2010

Emergency Response Skills on Display

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia, is staging the annual Underground Mine Emergency Response Competition this weekend at KCGM's Mt Charlotte in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The competition promotes emergency response and rescue within the WA mining industry, and plays a critical role in improving the skills of participating personnel.

Thirteen teams from across Western Australia will be taking part in the Competition.

During the two-day competition, emergency response teams are tasked with realistic scenarios, to evaluate their knowledge and skills in fire fighting, first aid, search & rescue, breathing apparatus skills, rope rescue, incident management, team skills and theory.

"This is one of the few occasions when rescue teams are exposed to actual emergency scenarios in the underground environment." Said ERC Chairperson and KCGM General Manager, Russell Cole.

"It is a crucial part of preparing our people to respond to real life emergency situations and a huge commitment by the industry to individually allocate time and resources to training their key rescue personnel!"

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Editors Note:

We will be coordinating a media tour of the Competition on Sunday 7 November between 9.30am and 1.00pm. The program will include a tour of individual mine rescue scenarios, in depth commentary on each scenario, industry comment on safety and an opportunity for dynamic visual footage and still imagery.

** Interested media representatives are requested to contact Matthew Payne on the above numbers prior to Friday 5th November.*