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INNOVATION & COST SAVING THE WINNING COMBINATION FOR QLD CONTRACTORS

TEAM Group have tonight been named the Queensland Mining Contractors of the Year at a gala celebration in honour of the Queensland resources sector's hard-working contractors.

Mackay-based TEAM Group, founded in 1989, were named as a finalist in two categories of the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards, for their innovation across multiple aspects of a stacker and reclaimer erection contract for Anglo American's Grosvenor Mine.

In the winning project, TEAM's innovative girder transport saved Grosvenor an estimated \$400,000, and their clever frame lift solution achieved cost saving in the form of a quicker delivery and reduced downtime.

Judges said that TEAM Group's focus on both innovation and cost-saving embodied the spirit of outstanding Bowen Basin contractors, making them a stand-out entry for the top prize.

Lucas Dow, member of the judging panel and a partner with Integrated Global Partners, commented that, *"The demonstrated innovation and a focus on improving cost and schedule efficiency were hallmarks of both projects – the out-of-the-box thinking and real engineering design work and implementation delivered excellent results."*

The 2016 Queensland Mining Contractor Awards, organised by the Bowen Basin Mining Club, recognised contractors from all areas of the mining industry, in a number of peer-judged categories.

Bowen Basin Mining Club Director Jodie Currie says the excellent attendance of the Awards, particularly by high-profile mining executives from Adani, BMA, Anglo American, Glencore, Peabody and Downer, showed a sector that recognises the important contribution of contractors.

"We launched the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards to find and acknowledge the contractors who are keeping our industry vibrant and developing by continually committing to delivering safer, smarter, faster and more efficient outcomes."

"Tonight's win by TEAM Group shows that it doesn't matter what size business you run, you can still be competitive in today's industry through innovation and smart thinking," said Ms Currie.

The evening's Awards were part of the Queensland Mining and Engineering Exhibition (QME) in Mackay, and recognised 17 of the state's best and brightest contractors shortlisted for their willingness to use innovation to reduce costs, shorten project scopes and deliver products that created value for staff, community and clients.

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CATEGORY FINALISTS/WINNERS

Award Name	Category Description	Finalists	Winner	Summary & Judges' Comments
Greyhound Resources Time Saving Category	A project completed through innovation or new process which resulted in a significant reduction in initial estimated timeframes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMD Constructions • MDMJV • SMW Group 	MDMJV	<p><i>McConnell Dowell Mastermyne Joint Venture (MDMJV) was engaged by Anglo American to provide finishing works to the Tunnel Boring Machine driven drifts at their flagship Grosvenor mine. MDMJV used their combined knowledge to develop an innovative approach for the drift floor, closing out a 43 week scope within 28 weeks.</i></p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: "Collaboration and some innovative thinking saw a significant time saving delivered through the application of a process and materials new to underground coal mining."</p> <p>Judge Margaret Davies said: "MDMJV achieved an amazing outcome for their client through collaboration to implement a first in drift construction. A time saving initiative of this magnitude without compromise on quality is certainly one that is worth rewarding."</p>
Peabody Energy Cost Saving Category	The most cost effective, value for money project OR innovation or new process which resulted in a cost saving outcome for the client.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2MT Mining Products • C&C Civil & Mining Construction • COR Cooling • Fuel Plus Technologies • TEAM Group 	C&C Civil & Mining Construction	<p><i>C&C created a flameproof, mobile shotcrete rig capable of working in explosive risk zone areas underground, to apply fibre reinforced shotcrete as support to underground mine roadway ribs in a productive, safe & cost effective manner.</i></p> <p>Judge Margaret Davies said: "C&C have adapted technology only previously used in hard rock mining to deliver great results, and which may well become the industry norm."</p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: a great initiative that has taken experiences and practices from within other areas of the resources sector and deployed them in a new situation in order to deliver a safer and more cost efficient outcome</p>
JBC CEA Innovation Category	The most original and ground-breaking approach to a project including new concept, technology and/or innovative process that was instrumental in increasing operational efficiency or improving project delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2MT Mining Products • Global Tech Group • SMW Group • TEAM Group 	SMW Group	<p><i>SMW Group is the first Australian company to work on reducing the barriers of robotic technology in a mining fabrication setting. The implementation of their Adaptive Control Robotic Cell technology for bucket overhauls has not only reduced costs and improved quality, but is producing weld completion time savings of up to 70%.</i></p> <p>Judges commented that SMW have collaborated with technology partners outside of the industry to introduce robotics to an area it was previously thought not possible.</p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: "All too often the resource sector fails to challenge the status quo of long established practices - often to the detriment of productivity, cost and health and safety. This project, through some excellent innovation, is an example of how we need to challenge the status quo and reach for superior outcomes."</p>
SMW Group Staff or Community Engagement Category	The most outstanding community or internal consultation and engagement project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornery Group • HSE Mining • Morris Corporation • Murphy Pipe & Civil 	Murphy Pipe & Civil	<p><i>Murphy Pipe & Civil developed and introduced an App that enables management to gauge the mental wellbeing of its 1000+ FIFO workforce and provides instant access to counselling.</i></p> <p>(continued over page)</p>

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				<p>Judge Michelle Zaunbrecher said: Development of such an initiative is a huge investment, and the use of the app for positive mental health outcomes within the company is excellent.</p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: “We are all becoming increasingly aware of the impact of mental health upon society, and so it was great to see an innovative approach being taken to address what looms as an increasing challenge for society.”</p>
QME Best Product Launch Category	<p>The most innovative product launched during 2015/2016. (This category is only open to 2016 QME Exhibitors.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auxilium • Consolidated Plastics & Epoxy • Hella • NSK Australia 	Auxilium	<p><i>Auxilium’s DC(24V) Light Tower Refurbishment program uses existing assets to reduce costs and increase reliability, performance and safety. Fuel usage is reduced by 75%, and units only require refueling and servicing once per month.</i></p> <p>Judge Michelle Zaunbrecher said: The product shows success results and thorough testing. The light tower refurbishment is a good innovation with industry-wide potential, particularly from a safety point of view as well as a time-saving point of view.</p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: “During these times of needing to do more with less – this new product launch does exactly that whilst also making some excellent improvements in relation to maintenance practices, operating costs and also positively impacting the safety risk profile.”</p>
QMEB Queensland Mining Contractor of the Year	<p>Selected from category finalists/winners above, for excellence displayed across a number of categories.</p>	TEAM Group	<p><i>As part of the stacker and reclaimers erection contract for Anglo American’s Grosvenor Mine, TEAM designed a unique transport solution for an over-sized and irregularly shaped girder, as well as constructing a lift solution for a 143-tonne portal frame. The innovative girder transport saved an estimated \$400,000 over other proposed methods, and the frame lift solution reduced the number of cranes necessary, achieving cost saving in the form of a quicker delivery to site, and reduced downtime.</i></p> <p>Judge Margaret Davies said: “More than one example has been provided of TEAM Group’s ability to provide innovative solutions to problems and deliver real results for the client.”</p> <p>Judge Lucas Dow said: “The demonstrated innovation and a focus on improving cost and schedule efficiency were hallmarks of both projects – the out of the box thinking and real engineering design work and implementation really delivered excellent results.”</p> <p>Judge Mick Jones said: “TEAM Group has demonstrated incredible innovative thinking to solve complex engineering problems. Their achievements demonstrate a willingness to challenge conventional engineering methods and tailor solutions for specific challenges.”</p>	



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