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Senior panel to judge Queensland's best miners

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A panel of senior mining executives are on board to judge Queensland's most innovative mining awards, announced by the Bowen Basin Mining Club today.

Director Jodie Currie welcomed the four judges saying each bring extensive operational and global mining expertise to the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards 2016.

"Their combined knowledge across the coal, minerals and gas sectors is impressive. They bring technical scrutiny and big picture thinking to judging our state's best mining projects," she said.

"It's fair to say that Award finalists will have earned their stripes."

Mrs Currie is pleased to announce the judging panel as:

Lucas Dow partner Integrated Global Partners and former President, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance

Michelle Zaunbrecher Vice President Health, Safety and Environment, Arrow Energy

Michael Jones Production Manager, Jellinbah Mine

Margaret Davies Supply Chain Specialist, former Regional Supply Chain Manager, Anglo American Coal

"True contractor excellence, value-adding and the most progressive companies driving Queensland's resources sector is demonstrated by award entries," Mrs Currie said.

The judging panel all agree recognising contractor innovation is valuable to Central Queensland resource operations.

Lucas Dow, who brings senior management experience in metallurgical coal and other commodities, said contractors are essential players for the future mining sector.

"Australia's competitive edge relies on market innovation and we need our industry to continue to drive this. Mining contractors in particular have a critical role to play in driving such innovation and performance improvement. Those contractors who are able to do this in a safe and reliable manner are delivering a competitive advantage to their clients," he said.

"These awards not only celebrate this enormous contribution, but also benchmark Queensland's role in managing a sustainable mining industry for Australia," Mr Dow said.

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Margaret Davies former Regional Supply Chain Manager with Anglo American Coal, said mining contractors operate in a unique and highly competitive environment.

"No two operations are the same," Mrs Davies said. "Today's market requires contractors to deliver adaptable and efficient offerings."

"There's a lot of pressure to think smarter, safer and react quicker than the competition."

"The demonstration of thinking outside the square to deliver ground breaking work, is what we are all expecting in this competition."

"And that's exciting," she said.

Queensland's smartest and most progressive mining projects are now being called to submit entries across five award categories closing at 5.00pm on Friday April 29, 2016.

Contractors, consultants and suppliers are encouraged to review the entry criteria and nominate their projects and initiatives at www.bbminingclub.com/awards

Award finalists and winners will be announced at the Queensland Mining & Engineering Exhibition (QME) Wednesday July 27, 2016 in the grounds of Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

The Bowen Basin Mining Club Queensland Mining Contractors Awards 2016 is proudly partnered by REEDMININGEVENTS, Downer and Mackay Regional Council.

For more information please visit www.bbminingclub.com or contact Jodie Currie on 0412 998 501.

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Queensland Mining Contractor Award 2016 Judging Panel Summary



LUCAS DOW

Partner Integrated Global Partners

Lucas Dow is well known for his former position as President BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance. Lucas has recently joined Integrated Global Partners, an organisation that has built its reputation upon delivering rapid and tangible bottom line results for its clients across the broader market. Lucas has held senior executive positions across a range of commodities including manganese, copper, lead and silver. Drawing on years of operational and project experience Lucas has lead organisations through difficult operating challenges including major business transformations and turnarounds.



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MARGARET DAVIES

Supply Chain Specialist

Margaret, following 20 years as a Supply Chain professional in the Resources Sector, is now retired but continues to contribute her expertise to the field. Prior to holding the position of Group Manager, Transactional Transformation with Anglo American Global Supply Chain, Margaret held a range of Supply Chain and Business Development Roles for BHP Billiton spanning 10 years. She has been an Independent Consultant, working with, amongst others, Santos, Newcrest and Anglo American on effective supply chain management. Margaret holds a B.Ed from the University of Wales, and an MBA from the University of Newcastle (NSW).



MICHELLE ZAUNBRECHER

Vice President Health, Safety and Environment, Arrow Energy

Michelle has over 25 years in the resource sector with most spent in the oil and gas sectors. Her working history includes BHP Billiton, BP and is currently the Vice President Health, Safety and Environment for Arrow Energy. Michelle has a Geology Degree and Honours Degree in Petroleum Geology and Geophysics. She also has a Master of Environmental Science and Hydrogeology.



MICHAEL JONES

Production Manager, Jellinbah Mine

Michael is the Production Manager at Jellinbah Mine who oversees the mining and maintenance activities onsite. He has 15 years industry experience working for both service providers and mine owners in Queensland. He has developed a strong reputation for delivering operational excellence.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) with Honours, Bachelor of Commerce, Advanced Diploma of Mechanical Engineering Technology and a Masters Degree in Engineering Science (Project Management).