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## **AWARDS CONFIRM PRICELESS CONTRIBUTION OF QUEENSLAND CONTRACTORS**

SMW Group is Queensland's first Mining Contractor of the Year after winning the title last night at a glittering celebration of the excellence and innovation contractors and suppliers contribute to the resources industry.

The company, which has 165 employees and is based in Rockhampton, is an outstanding winner of the inaugural Awards, organised by the Bowen Basin Mining Club.

The Group's invention of an innovative hydraulic lift system has been hailed as a major breakthrough that enhances quality, safety and speed, leading to customer savings of 25%.

SMW Group Operations Manager Frank Humphreys hailed the honour as a great recognition for the innovative work the company produces.

"We really do pride ourselves on being faster, smarter and more efficient," he said.

"This award highlights that commitment. SMW has an amazing team; from our workshop crews fabricating and repairing heavy equipment to our field service teams, our engineers, electricians and office staff.

"To be named Mining Contractor of the Year is a wonderful recognition of their efforts and hard work on each and every project we undertake. I hope they feel the same level of pride that we felt getting up to claim the trophy at the awards dinner," said Mr Humphreys.

Jodie Currie, Director of the Bowen Basin Mining Club, said the competition confirmed the vital contribution contractors and suppliers continued to make to Queensland's mining sector.

"When we launched the awards we knew they would reveal some brilliant stories of enterprise, initiative and originality as well as old-fashioned practicality and dedication.

"The entries confirmed the magnificent efforts contractors make to ensure Queensland's mining projects are globally competitive and at the cutting edge of productivity.

"I would like to congratulate all the winners and all those who submitted entries and I am sure they will all find the process of entering the awards will bring benefits in terms of future projects.

"Our mining sector is in a constant process of improvement and contractors and suppliers are responsible for many of the changes that make our mine sites safer and more productive.

"I'm confident that there are more wonderful stories out there and that they will emerge in future awards processes," said Ms Currie.

Last night's awards' presentation dinner at the Queensland Mining Exhibition in Mackay was attended by 500 and honoured the achievements of 16 contractors and suppliers shortlisted for their brilliance, problem-solving, technical innovation and smart thinking.

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## CATEGORY FINALISTS/WINNERS



Award Name	Description	Finalists	Winner	Judges' Comments
Greyhound Resources <b>Cost Saving Initiative</b>	For the most cost-effective, value for money project or innovation/process resulting in a significant reduction in initial budgets or estimates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ausenco</li> <li>Ausenco Rylson</li> <li>SMW Group</li> </ul>	<b>Ausenco Rylson</b>	<p>The company's cost and reliability optimisation project at Century Mine reduced MMG's lifecycle plan costs by more than 10% through risk-based optimisation of maintenance activities. The project demonstrated Ausenco Rylson's astute understanding of the client's commercial requirements.</p> <p>Judge Trevor Davies described it as a stand-out submission which delivered a win-win for all concerned while judge Michael Gray said: "The entrepreneurial approach adopted shows a contractor with the confidence to back their own performance, leading to significant and mutually beneficial outcomes for both the client and the contractor."</p>
Autocorner <b>Time Saving Initiative</b>	For projects completed within the best timeframes or innovation/process which resulted in a significant time saving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AECOM</li> <li>BMD Constructions</li> <li>Poly Protective Coatings</li> </ul>	<b>BMD Constructions</b>	<p>The company provided all the major civil and concrete works associated with the Hay Point Phase Three Expansion Project for BMA Coal Operations. The project was delivered successfully in a challenging physical environment and coped admirably with complex regulations which showing a critical understanding of risk and the importance of excellent project management.</p> <p>Judge Trevor Davies said BMD Constructions had produced engineered solutions to the significant challenges presented by the task.</p>
JCB Construction Equipment Australia <b>Project Innovation Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighting the most original and ground-breaking approach to a project including new technology and/or innovative process instrumental in increasing operational efficiency or project delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plantminer.com.au</li> <li>SMW Group</li> <li>TEAM Engineering</li> <li>Thiess</li> </ul>	<b>TEAM Engineering</b>	<p>TEAM Engineering wins for its patent pending design for a relocatable cable arch which makes it possible for heavy mining equipment to traverse dragline and shovel trailing cables. The towable cable arch is recognised as a significant invention using smart thinking to provide tangible workplace improvements.</p> <p>Judge Jan Anfruns said: "The invention, innovation and economics stack up to notable and consistent benefits while judge Trevor Davies said TEAM Engineering had "identified an industry problem and improved existing solutions using smart thinking."</p>
Civil Mining and Construction <b>Community or Staff Engagement Award</b>	For the most outstanding community or internal consultation and engagement initiative that helped to facilitate successful completion of a project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G&amp;S Engineering</li> <li>Thiess</li> <li>Cater Care</li> </ul>	<b>G&amp;S Engineering</b>	<p>Nominated by CQ Rescue, the company's workplace-giving initiative provides employees with a convenient and tax-effective method of donating to their local emergency response helicopter service.</p> <p>The initiative is credited with changing the context of charitable donations and adding significant value to CQ Rescue.</p> <p>Judge Trevor Davies commented: "G&amp;S Engineering demonstrate a major commitment to the community in respect of safety matters. The company is leading from the front and the workforce is solidly behind it."</p>



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<p>Generic Induction Safety Program <b>Equal Opportunity Initiative</b></p>	<p>For the most outstanding initiative to promote equal opportunity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Mining and Construction</li> <li>• Minniecon and Burke</li> <li>• Thiess</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thiess</b></p>	<p>The Thiess Oothung (Sisters) in Mining Program is a unique pathway for Indigenous women in Central Queensland to join the resources industry as a trainee haul truck operator. The program has been hailed as an outstanding example of its type, delivering not only results for the company but making a contribution to cultural development through real skills development. Judges said the program was harnessing the skills of talented Indigenous women and adding to their sense of worth.</p>
<p>QME Best <b>Product Launch</b></p>	<p>For the most innovative product launched by an exhibitor at QME 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ampcontrol</li> <li>• Swivelpole</li> <li>• Linked Group Services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Linked Group Services</b></p>	<p>The ECO-HUB Is a solar powered mobile lighting tower that is satellite enabled. It is equipped with a tilted single axis tracking array that increases the output over conventional solar lighting plants but allows for the unit to remain compact and maneuverable.</p> <p>Judge Margaret Davies, Anglo American Supply Chain Regional Manager said “It is an innovative approach combining existing technologies to deliver a simple yet effective solution”</p>
<p>Queensland Mining and Energy Bulletin <b>Contractor of the Year</b></p>	<p>Selected from all the finalists and category winners and recognising the contractor or supplier with the most outstanding project.</p>		<p><b>SMW Group</b></p>	<p>SMW Group’s 797 Tray Rebuilds Project is described as a tremendous example of out-of-the-box innovation and problem solving in action. Judges said that the submission and innovation shown was worthy of winning most of the awards showcased by the competition. The invention of a hydraulic lift system is not merely a significantly better method of doing a job, it results in customer savings of 25% while delivering improved quality and safety outcomes.</p> <p>SMW Group was established in Rockhampton only 10 years ago and works exclusively in the Bowen Basin. Operations Manager Frank Humphreys said the invention would have applications for other clients.</p> <p>“The re-thought process, the in-house engineered inventions, these changes will benefit other clients with similar projects. For SMW Group, our biggest innovation relates to taking a step back, considering the tough conditions our industry is facing and figuring out a better way to do something.</p> <p>“We approach all our work in this way, so it’s fantastic to be rewarded with this win.”</p>

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