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Message from the Director

Already, more than 200 delegates have registered for the Centre's 2013 Mining for Development Conference, to be held in May. Total attendance has been capped at 300 to enable interaction between delegates. The two day conference will explore many of the aspects of mining for development. Topics will include effective negotiation and agreement-making, building sustainable local enterprise and employment, building good governance, and developing human capacity and leadership.

The conference is attracting delegates from government, civil society, the mining industry and mining services sector, and education and research bodies from Asia, Africa and Latin America, as well as Australia, North America and Europe.

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Mining for Development Conference 2013: Maximising Benefits for Communities

The 2013 Mining for Development Conference will take place on 20 and 21 May 2013 in Sydney, Australia, hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre.

Focusing on how to maximise net benefits to national, subnational and community stakeholders, the conference will provide an opportunity for developing countries, civil society, the private sector and the international donor community to discuss the challenges and opportunities that developing countries face as they develop their resources sectors.

The conference will focus on approaches to a range of economic, social and policy issues that underpin the realisation of long term, sustainable benefit arising from mining for communities across the developing world.

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Short course on Regional Development and Mining

In March, IM4DC will run a three week short course focused on Regional Development and Mining in Western Australia. The course will involve representatives from governments, academic institutions and civil society from various countries. A total of 19 participants from nine countries in Asia and Africa will attend.

The program will focus on regional development and regional governance and how communities can enhance the economic and social aspects of mining. It will give explicit consideration to: regional investment; employment generation; enterprise development; local firm integration into resource projects; infrastructure and service development; landholder management and regional governance.

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OH&S Training Needs Assessment in Zambia

Two UQ and UWA occupational health and safety specialists visited Zambia in February to conduct a training needs assessment for the Mines Safety Department of the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development.

Ms Carmel Bofinger of the SMI Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre at UQ and Assistant Professor Karina Jorritsma of the UWA School of Psychology met with Mines Safety Department personnel as well as with staff from Copperbelt University and University of Zambia.

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Mining for Development Fellowship - Afghanistan Program

Commencing in March, IM4DC will run a 12 week course on Mining for Development tailor-made for six participants from the Ministry of Mines within the Government of Afghanistan. The participants are the first IM4DC 'Mining for Development Fellows'.

The course will commence at The University of Western Australia (UWA), Perth. Two weeks will be spent in Kalgoorlie at the Western Australian School of Mines, Curtin University and two weeks at The University of Queensland (UQ). Additionally, the Ministry of Mines officials will attend the upcoming Mining for Development Conference hosted by IM4DC and the EITI Global Conference in Sydney, both of which will be held in May.

The program aims to explain the logic and science behind governance and technical practice in the Australian mining sector. This information will enable participants to critically analyse current Australian practices, compare with other information that they hold and assess its applicability to Afghanistan. This knowledge will help to underpin policy formulation and future decision-making by the participants in their senior roles with the Ministry of Mines within the Government of Afghanistan.

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Local Supplier Development course in Ghana

The Sekondi Takoradi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the International Mining for Development Centre are offering a short course in Ghana in April, focused on developing local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) suppliers for the mining, oil and gas sectors.

The aims of this training course are:

- To provide the foundational knowledge and skills required to develop local MSME suppliers.
- For participants to work together to develop a Local MSME Supplier Development strategy for the region in which they operate.

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Infrastructure Forum for African countries

IM4DC will host a one day forum for African government officials in Brisbane on 20 March about infrastructure planning and delivery. The forum is part of the Mining Development Infrastructure Study Tour be organised by the AusAID-funded Australia Africa Partnerships Facility.

The forum will examine planning, financing, delivery and operation of infrastructure (including community infrastructure) in resource regions in Australia, with particular reference to Queensland. It will be attended by participants from nine resource-rich African countries.

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Workshop for Southeast Sulawesi officials

Senior mining and planning officials from the Provincial Government of Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia participated in a workshop on mining policy hosted by IM4DC on 27 February. The delegation, led by the Governor of Southeast Sulawesi, spent three days in Western Australia, hosted by the Department of State Development in conjunction with Austrade. It included senior business people from the province.

The objective of the visit was to understand how Western Australia strategically develops its resources and infrastructure, and to identify potential partners to develop mining services in Southeast Sulawesi to support the development of the mining sector there.

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Photo (from left): Ian Satchwell, Director IM4DC; Wichahyo Ratomo, Head Chair of KADIN Foreign Investment Committee Indonesia; Burhanuddin Makku Kaniu, Head of Provincial Mining Development; Muhammad Hakku Wahab, Head of Provincial Department of Public Works.

New IM4DC Action Research Projects

Six new Action Research Projects have been approved by IM4DC. The projects are:

Project Title	School/Centre
1. Benchmarking the “Status of Safety”: Safety risks, practices, and beliefs in eight developing countries	UWA - School of Psychology
2. Investigating approaches to working with artisanal and small-scale miners (ASM): A review of best practice and progress reports from the field	UQ – CSRM
3. Mining company-community conflict analysis: Case studies from Indonesia	UQ - CSRM
4. IM4DC Explorer – A Central-African Geodata Information System	UWA – Centre for Exploration Targeting
5. Mapping gender based violence and mining infrastructure in Mongolian mining communities, a comparative analysis	UQ - CSRM
6. Facilitating accelerated development during IM4DC Short Courses	UWA – School of Psychology

A further targeted round of requests for research proposals will be issued in April, based on particular areas of need arising from ongoing feedback from AusAID country programs.

Australian Development Research Awards announced

AusAID has announced the results of the 2012 AusAID Development Research Award Scheme (ADRAS). For the first time, ADRAS contains a specific mining for development stream. As well the Africa-related awards contain a number of mining-related research projects.

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