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DEANMAC TEAM WINS MINES RESCUE COMPETITION

The Deanmac Fire and Rescue Team from Loy Yang is the overall winner of the Minerals Council of Australia's 2nd Victorian Rescue Competition for Surface Mines and Quarries for 2006. Deanmac won the event ahead of five other teams from across Victoria's surface mining and quarrying operations. Second was the Oscar 1 quarry and mine emergency response team from Bendigo.

The competition, held on last Friday and Saturday in Anglesea at Alcoa's coal mine and the nearby scouting complex, tested the capabilities of the mine and quarry emergency response teams in industrial rescue, fire fighting, first aid and team skills in realistic mine situations.

The Minerals Council of Australia, Victorian Division Executive Director, Mr Chris Fraser, said the minerals industry's number one priority is the safety and health of the people who work in our industry.

"Competitions that improve the skills of our emergency response teams are important in ensuring a strong safety culture. The team members are all well trained individuals that are highly respected in their work places. The competitions not only assist in honing the skills of the teams but in facilitating networking and mutual assistance between the competing companies."

The Captain of the Oscar 1 team, Mr Jim Wilding, won the prestigious Captains Award at the competition for a second year in a row.

The awards for the competition were made at a dinner on Saturday 11 November at the Anglesea Golf Club. The award winners were:

First-Aid – Deanmac, Loy Yang
Industrial Rescue – Oscar 1, Bendigo
Fire Fighting – Readymix Quarries, Mt Shamrock
Skills – Oscar 1, Bendigo
Captains Award – Jim Wilding, Oscar 1
Team Safety – Estate Services, Yallourn
Overall Aggregate Winner – Deanmac, Loy Yang

The Minerals Council of Australia congratulates all the competitors in this year's competition and acknowledges the very strong support from the sponsors and volunteers from across the industry including the adjudicators and casualties. The strong support of Alcoa and the staff at Anglesea is also greatly appreciated.

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