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### 14<sup>th</sup> ANNAUL MINES RESCUE COMPETITION BENDIGO, 4-6 AUGUST 2006

**WHAT:** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Mines Rescue Competition

**WHY:** The competition tests the capabilities and qualities of mine rescue and emergency response teams. It is set up to improve the safety and health of all people involved in the mining industry and to provide practical training to the mine site rescue teams. When members of mining operations apply teamwork to the underground search and rescue, rope rescue, first aid and fire fighting skills they become a vital emergency rescue squad. This competition provides invaluable and realistic training for the rescue squads.

**WHERE:** Central Deborah Gold Mine, Bendigo, and several other sites around the district

**WHEN:** 4-6 August 2006

**WHO:** Eight teams from four states, some of Australia's most highly skilled rescue teams.

**TEAMS:**

Cadia Valley Operations (Newcrest Mining)	NSW
Deanmac Emergency Services	Vic
Ballarat Goldfields (Ballarat Goldfields NL)	Vic
Oscar 1 Quarry, Mine, Emergency Response Team	Vic
Stawell Gold Mine (Leviathan Resources)	Vic
Zinifex Rosebery (Zinifex Limited)	Tas
Olympic Dam (BHP Billiton)	SA
Northparkes Mines (Rio Tinto)	NSW

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDIA

#### FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2006

**10am:** A rescue demonstration for the media will be held at the Central Deborah Gold Mine.

**5pm:** The competition starts with a welcome by the Mayor of the Greater City of Bendigo, Councillor David Jones. The welcome is sponsored by Perseverance Corporation Limited. The Mayor will draw the order of the team exercises.

#### SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

**1pm and 2.20pm:** Underground skills exercise at the Central Deborah Gold Mine to test team dynamics. Sturdy footwear is required. Hard hats will be provided.

#### SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

**7pm for 7.30pm:** Presentation dinner. Winner announced. Guest speaker, Mr Bill Colvin, CEO Beaconsfield Gold.

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