



# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Strata support failure

### BACKGROUND

An underground mine in Queensland has identified numerous strata support roof bolts that appear to have manufacturing defects. The Queensland Department of Mines and Energy – Mines Inspectorate released *Safety Alert No 164 Strata support failure* ([www.nrw.qld.gov.au/mines/inspectorate/safety\\_alerts.html](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/mines/inspectorate/safety_alerts.html)) on the incident on 8 June 2007.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

All underground mines should review Queensland *Safety Alert No 164 Strata support failure* and thoroughly check their strata support bolts for manufacturing defects that may inhibit correct installation.

**NOTE:** Please ensure all relevant people in your organisation receive a copy of this Safety Bulletin, and are informed of its content and recommendations. This Safety Bulletin should be processed in a systematic manner through the mine's information and communication process. It should also be placed on the mine's notice board.

Signed

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