



MinEx Health & Safety Council

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Meetings with Government

MinEx Board has met with the Department of Labour (DoL) Serious Hazards Team which has developed a Mining Guidance Work Programme, including guidance for SME's on H&S management systems and hazard management plans. MinEx will be involved in this programme and will coordinate the industry's participation and response to the issues raised. DoL and MinEx will jointly review the MinEx underground Codes of Practice and Guidelines.

Codes of Practice and Guidelines

Work on updating the remainder of the MinEx CoPs and Guidelines and creating new ones will proceed after the work of the joint DoL/MinEx group has been completed. MinEx will seek to have the reviewed CoP's and Guidelines co-branded with DoL

Certificate of Competency – Surface Mines and Quarries

Work is virtually complete but the matter is on hold pending the outcome of the Pike River Royal Commission.

Pike River

MinEx is registered as an interested party and has made submissions to the initial hearing. Further submissions are anticipated in phase four of the Commission's hearings scheduled for next year.

Strategy & Annual Plan

Work to achieve the objectives continues. In particular, Incident Reporting and Safety Alerts are attracting more attention and involvement by many companies, some of whom are not yet members of MinEx but are being encouraged to join.

Standards NZ Mining Equipment Joint Committee

MinEx is now the industry's point of contact for updating these standards and will circulate proposed changes to all members inviting input and comment.