

GEOFABRICS JOINS AUSTMINE TO HELP BUILD A STRONG METS COMMUNITY

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Geofabrics Australasia is pleased to announce its membership with Austmine, a mining body which advocates on behalf of Australia's **Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS)** sector. The METS sector is a key economic driver to our nation, contributing over \$110 billion in gross annual revenue to our country's prosperity. Our membership support, along with other members will help drive this growth to ensure that the Australian METS sector continues to be the best in the world.

Austmine's membership represents over 650 METS companies from across the country. Our membership with Austmine will offer a diversity of organisations from which Geofabrics and our subsidiary company, Plascorp can collaborate, innovate and build partnerships from large contract miners, engineering firms and technology consultancies, to research organisations and professional services companies.

We are looking forward to opening the conversation with key players in the mining industry through Austmine, to learn from our peers and continue to evolve our product and service offering to meet the mining market. Our membership and association with Austmine will continue to maintain our strong ties to the mining industry with our innovative technical solutions for geosynthetic applications and mine ventilation solutions.

Drawing upon our technical leadership, it is our company's priority to ensure that the mining sector is catered for through innovation and problem-solving solutions. Allowing for safe construction in unstable environments is just the beginning of Geofabrics' commitment to servicing the mining space. Our mining capability includes the

stabilisation of haul road and hardstand areas, rail formation construction and maintenance, rehabilitation and erosion control, slope stability and rockfall protection, containment and lining for tailings dams and waste, mine site remediation and mining grids for underground operations. To add to this is Plascorp's mining ventilation; a range of ducted products created solely to promote air flow for the workings of an underground mine site.

Further explained by our **CEO & Managing Director Dennis Grech**, "at Geofabrics and Plascorp, we take great pride in providing solutions to customers with our mine ventilation ducting range. Australian made, best in class and offering the Australian mining community, safety and peace of mind that the underground ventilation system is protecting the lives and welfare of people. There is no greater responsibility than making a product that protects lives and livelihoods. The Plascorp range of mine ventilation ducting reduces air loss in the welded seams and the risk of delamination is significantly reduced. The endgame is a vastly superior product and today, we celebrate this milestone knowing Plascorp, an Australian company employing over 100 people, is making a significant impact on the welfare of our mining community.

More specifically, at Geofabrics our range of products into the Mining segment is deep. Local content, technical leadership, providing solutions that incorporate Australian sourced recycled material and the use of geosynthetics compared to conventional material allows our mining customers to reduce their carbon footprint, improving their own environmental and social impact."



ABOUT GEOFABRICS

Geofabrics have been in the business of geosynthetic engineering and building key infrastructure across Australasia for over 40 years. We are focused on developing new and innovative products and providing our customers with world's best solutions to complete civil projects. Geofabrics operates in various sectors with expertise in mining and infrastructure including roads, rail, coastal, waste, sports and recreation, renewables, water, defence, aviation and ports. Our sustainable product solutions have been developed to demonstrate cost savings, superior technical performance, safer operations and better environmental outcomes. Our focus is to protect, contain and secure the physical environment using smart geotextile and geosynthetic products.

ABOUT AUSTMINE

With technology driving the future of the mining industry and sustainability a key platform for success, Austmine is leading the way in uniting the Australian METS sector. Austmine is driven by a pioneering spirit and a commitment to innovation, with the intention to encapsulate the 'power of one' to reinforce Australia as the great mining nation that we are. Leading globally with the best solutions, strategies and technologies for the next generation and beyond, Austmine are also key leaders in technology and innovation globally. With the mining sector being one of Australia's only global benchmark industries where Australian made is the hallmark of success, ensuring METS companies lead with best practice is at the forefront.



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