

The Australia-Africa Mining & Energy Group (AAMEG) is the peak body supporting Australian companies to be partners of choice in the development of Africa's resources sector.

Africa is Australia's most important resources investment destination. Based on data collated by AAMEG during 2016, the current status of the Australian resources industry's engagement with Africa consists of at least 170 Australian companies developing or operating over 400 projects across 35 African countries.

Today, AAMEG represents more than 100 members including explorers, mineral and energy companies, and suppliers of goods and services.

AAMEG and its members support the African Union's Africa Mining Vision (2009), a collaborative effort by African leaders to ensure transparent and equitable exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development. We do so in the strong belief that responsible practice creates a competitive advantage.

Our Primary Roles

- To create a forum for AAMEG members to network and share operational experience in responsible business practices;
- To represent at an industry level on behalf of our members; and
- To assist Australian companies to engage with Australian and African governments and relevant institutions and organisations.

Trish O'Reilly

Chief Executive Officer - AAMEG

PO Box 1018, West Perth, Western Australia, 6872

- T +61 8 9226 0175
- E info@aameg.org





2016 Highlights

AAMEG has established a strong, consolidated voice, representing and promoting the Australian resources sector working across Africa.

A key gap identified in 2016 was the lack of current information regarding the Australian presence in Africa. We commenced a research project which aims to promote renewed engagement by updating information surrounding the economic footprint of the Australian resources industry across the African continent, and also the mutual benefits that flow from this relationship. Outcomes from this research will be reported on during this current financial year.

We published a toolkit to address specific risk issues associated with operating in Africa. The Social Aspects Management handbook, written by Robin Budden – aims to enhance the ability of member companies in managing social and environmental risks, in a manner that aligns with international guidelines and good practices and also brings lasting benefits for those affected by their projects.

With the support of member organisations, we have continued to develop and present a diverse and extensive calendar of events which covers a wide range of relevant issues. Our events have been received positively by the industry and are well attended.

We have developed a significant relationship with the Australian Federal Government and have excellent working relationships with the Australian Heads of Missions across Africa.

From a more global perspective, AAMEG is a signatory to the UN Global Compact and is an active member of the UN Global Compact Australia network. We provided co-ordinated feedback into the development of model clauses between Government Security Forces and companies with respect to security and Human Rights.

Security Issues continue to be at the top of mind for AAMEG Members

Operating in Africa offers great rewards, but it often comes with significant risk. Security is extremely important and a rapidly evolving area in which we, as an industry, need to ensure we remain current and are proactive. AAMEG provides an important role in leading the industry to work together and respond to these issues. Since the inception of the Industry Response Group at Mining Indaba 2016, AAMEG has continued to drive the security agenda with the aim of improving overall preparedness and collaboration in developing appropriate risk-mitigation strategies for its members.

Over the past 12 months, this Group has come together to develop a series of tools and resources with a view to delivering a 'member driven' Intelligence Tool along with risk-based Toolkits and Guides. The continued success of this resource is dependent on the engagement and support of AAMEG Members, and additional contributions are encouraged.

AAMEG look forward to hosting a launch of the first phase of the available resources at the upcoming Mining Indaba 2017 to be held in Cape Town in February. This meeting will be held in the Australia Lounge on Monday the 6th February at 3pm and all are invited to attend.

Further details can be located on the AAMEG website.

Report on Canberra Visit

As part of an ongoing plan to build engagement with the Australian Government, regular visits are undertaken to Canberra. In September, Chief executive Trish O'Reilly and AAMEG member Peter de Leo from Lycopodium travelled to Canberra to engage with relevant MPs and DFAT officials in a series of meetings.

The visit was designed to raise AAMEG's profile among new MPs from Government and opposition parties and enhance their understanding of the key issues facing AAMEG members as well as Australia's wider investment in Africa.

Meetings were held with key Ministerial Portfolio Staff, the Australia/Africa Parliamentary Network, and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.



Kalgoorlie Mine Visit

As part of her visit to Western Australia, African Natural Resources Centre Director Sheila Khama was accompanied by Trish O'Reilly on a tour of Kalgoorlie's iconic Super Pit. Hosted by Newmont Mining, the visit highlighted how one of Australia's largest mining operations manages and interacts with the local community on sustainability, environmental and social challenges.

Many thanks to Newmont staff for making this a successful visit and to Murdoch University for sponsoring this opportunity.

AAMEG Board Update

At the AGM held in November we were delighted to welcome Ron Sayers onto the Board. Current AAMEG Board members include: Tim Carstens (Chairman), Ben Gargett (Vice Chairman), Andrew Dinning, Ron Sayers, John Wellborn and Bill Turner.

I am very pleased to have recently been appointed to the AAMEG Board and I look forward to working with the Board and the CEO, Trish O'Reilly, to assist AAMEG to fulfil its mission and achieve its business objectives.

I would strongly recommend AAMEG membership to any organisation active or looking at becoming active in the resources industry in Africa.

Ron Sayers MD, Ausdrill Limited

Public-Private Social Project Achieves Landmark Results in Burkina Faso

Reaching over 5000 kids with educational materials in the heart of Burkina Faso is no easy challenge, but that's exactly what AAMEG member Sarama Resources and Skye Gilligan Consulting set out to do.

Perth based and TSX-listed Sarama Resources has been an active gold explorer and mine developer in West Africa since 2010. A company with consistently strong values in community engagement and capacity building, Sarama's rapport within the communities in which it operates has not only been critical to the success of their projects, but more recently to the improvement of education facilities and schooling in the remote areas of Burkina Faso where the company operates.



Since 2011, Sarama has been a welcome guest and participant in Burkina Faso's Norkama district, a village situated on the Company's Tankoro permit 400 km south-west of the capital of Ougadougou.

Focusing on initiatives that would have a direct impact on the advancement of women and children, as well as education and health, Sarama has invested significant time and resources in developing an understanding of local needs.

"It is difficult for host communities to understand budgets, shareholder value or the risk of spending significant money on exploration for no tangible return - nor should they have to. We may hold the mineral rights but at the end of the day, we are guests on their land and it is our responsibility to build trust and have a shared understanding of the issues impacting their livelihood and well-being and to balance the needs of

all stakeholders. We view ourselves as a member of the local community and by localising and being innovative and realistic about the way in which we give support, we have been able to achieve far more in terms of social development and the advancement of women and children, than we would have if simply trying to meet a specified dollar value aligned with our exploration spend," explained Andrew Dinning – CEO and President of Sarama Resources.

In 2014, Sarama saw an opportunity to join efforts with Skye Gilligan who had established a charity focused on improving learning opportunities in Africa. Skye, a communications consultant to the mining industry, had packed a 20 ft sea container with educational and sporting equipment for distribution to poverty stricken communities in Africa. All she needed was a partner with a local presence and the capacity to undertake an effective distribution strategy.

The formation of this public-private partnership was transformational in terms of what many miners battle to do alone. For the small investment required to ship the sea container and negotiate customs and transport, Sarama received more than \$100k worth of equipment that Ms Gilligan had gathered through her professional and personal networks. Sarama's on-ground team defined a detailed distribution plan - reaching 26 schools including 3,147 primary students, 1,914 senior students, and more than 100 senior students studying outside of Norkama Village. In addition, administration materials and equipment was also given to four CSPS Health Centres and various local Administration Centres.

"This project has made me extremely proud of what Australian mining and mining services companies are delivering in Africa on a daily basis. Seeing the difference Sarama has made within their

areas of operation, not just through financial investment, but through the sharing of skills, culture and knowledge has only solidified my belief that mining companies are often one of the only organisations in a position to drive sustainable economic development and offer hope for employment and social advancement in communities where there is no industry or infrastructure," concluded Gilligan.

"I would also like to recognise and mention my other corporate sponsors who have made this project possible – Tony Berson of Airland Logistics, Sergio Teixeria of Cristal JBE Office Choice and Acacia Mining.



In the last three years, Sarama's investments have contributed to a 50% increase in student numbers and a notable 60% increase in females at Norkama Primary which in 2016 became an official Government exam centre.

Watch the handover ceremony video between the Principal of Norkarma Primary, Sarama Resources and Skye Gilligan for the full impact of their work or read more on Sarama's website.

Both the video and more information can be found on both the Sarama and AAMEG web site.

To view the video please visit:

https://vimeo.com/200783917/74f735fd35

AAMEG Membership Application



Company Name							
Primary Street Address							
Primary Postal Address (if different from above)							
Main Telephone		ABN		Fax			
Requested Username					ess to our 'Members Only' se ompany name with underlin		
Membership Fee St	ructure - please t	ick appropriate l	оох				
The membership fee for publicly Membership is renewable annua			narket capitalisation, and a	are inclusive of GST.			
METS Companies (<25 employees) \$1,500		\$1,500	Less than \$100 million market capitalisation \$2,750				
METS Companies (>25 employees) \$3,30		\$3,300		\$100 million to \$1 billion market capitalisation \$5,500			
D. Larras Carata D				\$1 billion market capital		\$8,250	
Primary Contact De	talls - the person	who will receive			VIEG to colleagu	es.	
Name				r O Mrs O Mi	ss		
Position			Mobile				
Email			Direct				
Other Contacts - if y	ou wish to add furth	her contacts to y	our membership, p	olease advise.			
Name 1			Name 2				
Position			Position				
Email			Email				
Chief Executive Off	icer Contact Det	ails					
Name			Email				
Billing Contact Det	ails						
Name			Email				
Method of Paymen	t - please tick appro	priate box					
MasterCard Visa	Bank Transfer 0	Cheque					
Card No.			Expiry Date		CVV		
Name			Amount				
Cardholder Signature				eque: Australia-Africa Mi count Number 10335930		p Ltd	
Tax invoice will be issued on receipt of payment				Commonwealth Bank, 1254 Hay Street, West Perth 6005			