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Queensland Alumina receive two awards at the 2009 Mining Industry Skills Centre Training Awards

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The Mining Industry Skills Centre is pleased to announce that Gladstone-based Queensland Alumina Limited have been awarded with a Highly Commended Award in the Leading Processes and Practices – Medium to Large Company and Rebecca Sinnott from Queensland Alumina Limited has won the prestigious Metalliferous Trainee of the Year Award at the 2009 Mining Industry Skills Centre Training Awards Dinner on Friday night.

The finalists for each category were selected after an in-depth judging process which included strict nomination criteria and a face-to-face interview with the Awards judging panel.

The event attracted more than 250 people to attend the eleventh annual Mining Industry Skills Centre Training Awards to recognise the finalist's outstanding commitment and leadership in workforce planning and development in the Australian resources industry.

After the success of the 2008 Training Awards, 2009 saw an overwhelming number of high-quality nominations and finalists were received from around Australia including Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia.



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The Skills Centre's Training Awards are the resources industry's most prestigious training and skilling awards and showcase the leading work being undertaken by companies, trainers, individuals, trainees and apprentices.

Mining Industry Skills Centre's Team Leader – Instructional Design, John Burton, said that this year's nominations made selecting finalists and winners really challenging for the judges.

"The 2009 Training Awards attracted a lot of high calibre award entries and in most categories made selecting an eventual winner a difficult task. It is really pleasing to see a lot of encouraging work being done in the industry to promote learning and development initiatives," said Mr Burton.

For the first time in the Training Awards history, the Skills Centre introduced a highly commended award in each category when choosing a winner proved to be difficult, in order to further recognise the initiatives being undertaken by companies and individuals for their development.

Highly Commended Leading Processes and Practices – Medium to Large Company

"Queensland Alumina Limited has developed a robust and transparent training system to manage a wide ranging workforce of over 1300 employees and contractors," Mr Burton said.



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"Queensland Alumina Limited are committed to providing training and development that delivers continuous skill improvement for all employees in order to ensure a safe and efficient operation." Mr Burton added.

Metalliferous Trainee of the Year

"Rebecca's dedication and strong work ethics allowed her to complete her training in a reasonably short period of time,"

"Rebecca was rewarded for her efforts by being appointed the first permanent female employee in her area of expertise and we were particularly impressed with Rebecca's drive to continually challenge herself in order to progress her working career," said Mr Burton

The Mining Industry Skills Centre congratulates all of the 2009 finalists, highly commended and award winners and acknowledges the work being undertaken by these individuals and organisations in ensuring the quality of learning and development initiatives in the Australian resources industry.

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For more information on The 2009 Mining Industry Skills Centre Conference and Training Awards, please contact Lisa Cooksey on 07 3872 8516 or via email at lcooksey@miskillscentre.com.au.



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About the Mining Industry Skills Centre

Established in 2006 the Mining Industry Skills Centre is a Queensland-based, not-for-profit organisation that partners with industry and informs government to maximise the skills of workers in the resources industry to assist in the sustainability of the industry. The Skills Centre has a vision to create a 'One-Stop-Shop' for both industry and government on all matters relating to the training and development of a sustainable workforce to meet the resources industry's future and current needs.