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NEW AWARDS TO RECOGNISE THOSE LEADING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN SA'S RESOURCES SECTOR

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) is pleased to announce that nominations for the inaugural South Australian Women in Resources State Awards will open on Monday 20 April.

Launched by SACOME President, Terry Burgess, at the 2015 Annual Resources Industry Dinner on Monday 13 April, the awards will recognise the important role women play in the resources sector through five key categories;

- Exceptional woman in South Australian resources
- Gender Diversity Champion in South Australian resources
- Excellence in Diversity Programs and Performance
- Outstanding South Australian tradeswomen, operator or technician
- Exceptional young woman in South Australian resources

As part of SACOME's gender diversity strategy to increase the participation of women in the exploration, mineral, petroleum and energy sectors and associated service industries, these state based awards are designed to recognise individuals and organisations playing a lead role in the advancement of women in the resources sector.

Jason Kuchel, Chief Executive of the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) said, "These awards help to further women's role in the sector by recognising a cohort of ambassadors, mentors and role models who are instrumental in encouraging and promoting, attracting and retaining women in the sector."

The South Australian Women in Resources Awards recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of women and those supporting women in South Australia. The entry process encourages individuals and companies to reflect on their achievements and the impact they have made to help encourage the participation of women.

Aimee Chadwick, Chair of the Women in Resources South Australia Committee, said "Women continue to make a valuable contribution to the sector and the introduction of the SA Women in Resources awards are a great way to recognise this. Acknowledging the efforts of individuals and organisations further supports our aim to increase the participation of women in the sector."

Mr Kuchel added that SACOME strongly encourage members, including service providers, to nominate for the South Australian Women in Resources awards commencing this year.

Nominations for the inaugural South Australian Women in Resources Awards open officially on Monday, 20 April 2015 and close at **5pm on Friday, 29 May 2015**, with winners to be announced at **SACOME's Corporate Lunch Series event on Friday, 31 July 2015**.

Winners of each category will be automatically nominated by SACOME on behalf of South Australia for the National Women in Resources Awards, to be held in Perth in September 2015.

Guidelines and nomination forms can be found online at <http://www.sacome.org.au/policy-and-advocacy/women-in-resources-sa/women-in-resources-awards>.

For further information email WomenInResourcesSA@sacome.org.au

The Women in Resources South Australia (WinRSA) Committee commenced its establishment as a formal committee of SACOME in late 2013. The WinRSA Strategic Plan is grounded on ***Shaping the future for the SA resources sector, by realising the benefits of increased participation, retention and advancement of women*** to deliver on the primary objective of promoting the involvement and contribution of women in the Sector and to provide opportunities for meaningful engagement.

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