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Key role of women in 2010 Chilean mine rescue inspires guests at Women in Resources SA function

A Women in Resources South Australia function held last night featured an inspiring presentation by Maptek's Bob Johnson, detailing the leading role of two women in the Chilean mine rescue at the San Jose mine last year.

Dr Johnson, Chairman and Founder of Maptek, presented details of the rescue to guests at Santos on the 12th of May, including students, geologists, surveyors, engineers and many others working in South Australia's energy and resource sector.

His presentation focussed on details that had not been widely publicised, including the well thought out, technical approach used by female employees Estibaliz Echeverria and Sandra Jara. Ms Jara's patient processing of the drilling data in a difficult situation delivered the extraordinary results the world was hoping for.

'The successful mine rescue would not have been possible without the cooperation and pooling of ideas and resources from many people. Maptek was honoured and humbled to play a meaningful role in the process. We pay tribute to our three young South American colleagues who worked tirelessly in the face of enormous pressure.' Dr Johnson said.

The three Maptek staff involved were Alvaro Quezada, Sandra Jara and Estibaliz Echeverria.

The strongly attended event was the second WinRSA function for 2011.

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Bob Johnson with guests from Santos, OZ Minerals and PIRSA



Sandra Jara [left] with personnel from drilling and other service companies at 5.45am after drill broke through to reach trapped miners.

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