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Invitation to a Dinner Round Table “Update on the Australian Resources Industry”

News & Insights from an Australian Industry Expert
Australia’s Role in the Strategic Minerals Supply Chain – Bridging the Gap to German Industry
Business & Investment Opportunities in the Australian Mining Sector
R&D Collaborations in Australia’s Mining Sector

H.E. Mr Peter Tesch, Australian Ambassador to Germany
and the Australian Trade Commission
are pleased to invite you to a dinner round table.

Australia’s mining boom has reinforced the country’s position as a leading player in global mining. Australia is ideally positioned within Asia-Pacific, the fastest growing region in the world. Demand for commodities from the region has driven high levels of investment in minerals exploration and development projects. The market potential is backed up by Australia’s highly developed infrastructure, skilled workforce and strong focus on R&D and innovation – which make Australia an ideal destination to establish operations.

Following a welcome address by the **Australian Ambassador, H.E. Mr Peter Tesch** our high-level speakers will share valuable insights, knowledge and experience regarding the Australian resources industry and will be pleased to discuss your questions.

Reg Howard-Smith, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia visiting from Perth will talk about latest developments in the Australian resources sector and how Australia can contribute to meet German industry’s demand for critical raw materials.

Dr. Herwig Marbler, Deutsche Rohstoffagentur (DERA) will present highlights from the recently published study “Opportunities for German Companies in the Australian Resources Sector”.

Dr. Gregor Brodt, Director Global Research & Development, Global Oilfield and Mining Solutions, BASF SE will share insights on the company’s R&D activities in Australia and why they chose to set up operations in the country partnering with local scientists.

Why you should participate

- Get the latest news from the Australian mining sector: Is the mining boom really over?
- Understand and discuss the role Australia can play in the strategic minerals supply chain and how the gap between suppliers and industrial end-users can be bridged. Does Australian mining offer a solution to Germany’s raw materials challenges?
- Learn about Australia’s geological qualities, business opportunities and investment support measures that exist in Australia
- Hear an example of a successful German-Australian partnership in mining innovation and learn about R&D opportunities

Important information

Date Tuesday, **17 September 2013**
Time 17:30 – 20:00
Place VICTORIAN
Königstrasse 3a,
40212 Düsseldorf

REGISTRATION:

To participate please **register** no later than 6 September by email:

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This dinner-event is free of charge.

Limited seats available.

In collaboration with:



DERA Deutsche Rohstoffagentur
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If you have any further questions please feel free to contact:

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About the Speakers

Reg Howard-Smith, Chief Executive, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME).

CME is the preeminent resource sector (Mining, Oil and Gas) industry association in Western Australia.

From 2002 to 2007 Reg held the role of Director at CME with responsibilities in the areas of Human Resources, Occupational Health and Safety, Education and Training, Immigration, Skill Shortage Initiatives and Finance.

Prior to joining CME, Reg was employed by Woodside and throughout the early to mid 1990s worked in a national senior management position with George Weston Foods. In the 1980s Reg worked in advocacy positions in Western Australia and Victoria. Reg commenced his career with BHP in Perth.

Dr. Gregor Brodt, Director Global Research & Development, Global Oilfield and Mining Solutions, BASF SE.

Prior to his current role Dr. Brodt was Head of Global Development Water Soluble Polymers, Business Unit Detergents and Formulators. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of Heidelberg and completed a Post Doc in Inorganic Polymer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Brodt is a member of the EU Innovation Initiative for Raw Materials.

Dr. Herwig Marbler, German Mineral Resources Agency (DERA) in the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR).

Dr. Herwig Marbler graduated in geology and in 2004 he obtained a doctorate in marine resource geology and geochemistry. From 2005 until 2008, he worked in several research projects on marine geology resources at the Jacobs University of Bremen. He worked until 2012 at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg in a research project for experimental studies of reservoir rocks.

Since July 2012 he is with the German Mineral Resources Agency and is responsible for the international cooperation with raw material supplying countries.