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## New platform to promote SA's mineral resources

South Australia has launched a further initiative to promote the State's mineral and energy wealth to industry members, service providers, investors, and others with an interest in the resources sector.

The peak body for the South Australian resources industry, the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME), last night unveiled Australia's first new State-based mining and energy masthead in more than 10 years.

The high quality bi-monthly publication, the *SA Mines & Energy Journal*, is expected to be the flagship publication for South Australia's expanding hard rock, geothermal, oil, gas and coal seam gas industries – at a time when significant exploration and project development gains are currently being made across all five sectors.

The *SA Mines and Energy Journal* was launched by resource industry leaders, Mr Mick Wilkes (General Manager Prominent Hill, OZ Minerals) and Mr David Knox (Chief Executive, Santos) at a special event for South Australian industry leaders in Adelaide overnight. Special guests included the Minister for Mineral Resources Development, the Honourable Paul Holloway.

Mr Wilkes said "It is timely to have such a publication with a SA focus, not only because of the expansion of the sector in this State, but also to give SA a voice in the national debate on important issues such as carbon and climate change."

SACOME President, Mr John Roberts, said "It is clear South Australia is realising its significant and potentially long-lived natural mineral endowment.

"South Australia is in an excellent position to promote itself as a state with the right regulatory and commercial environment to attract and add value to investment in mining or energy.

"This magazine will further cement the State's relevance in being only second to Western Australia in the current mining boom."

SACOME Chief Executive, Mr Jason Kuchel, said "This magazine is produced by the mining industry to enhance understanding, not just within the sector, but more broadly about the innovative work taking place and the issues facing the State as we move from an exploration boom into a mining boom.

"The magazine has a professional editorial team behind it and will ensure SA has a voice in the national debate on important resource-related issues such as carbon emissions and climate change. The inaugural edition examines the enormous potential of the South Australian resources sector, provides a project summary, and assesses the impact on the State of China-led commodities demand.

"The *SA Mines & Energy Journal* showcases examples of some of the resources industry's lesser known but highly valuable initiatives - such as developing strong partnerships with local Aboriginal communities.

"Most South Australians – and indeed Australians – will be affected by the growth of the mining and energy industries of South Australia in some way, and we expect a high level of interest in the *SA Mines & Energy Journal*," Mr Kuchel said.

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