# NIUMINCO GROUP LIMITED

ABN 44 009 163 919

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Niuminco Group Limited (ACN 009163919) ("**Company**") will be held at Suite 50, 14 Narabang Way, Belrose on Monday 30th November 2015 commencing at 11.00 am.

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

# 1. Financial Statements and Reports

To receive and consider the annual financial report, together with the Director's and auditor's reports for the year ending 30 June 2015.

# 2. Resolution 1 – Approval of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following advisory only resolution:

"That, for the purposes of section 250R of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the Remuneration Report for the year ending 30 June 2015."

**Note:** The vote on this resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

## **Voting Exclusion**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution 1 by any member of the Key Management Personnel or their Closely Related Parties.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the Proxy Form or
- (b) it is cast by the Chairman as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, if the Chairman is expressly authorised to vote as the Chairman decides by the Proxy Form. The Chairman of the meeting is so authorised and intends to vote all available undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

#### 3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of a Director – Mr Ian Plimer

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That, for all purposes, Mr Ian Plimer, who retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, is re-elected as a Director."

## 4. Resolution 3 – Approval of Issue of 40,000,000 shares to Goward Pty Limited

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"For the purpose of Listing Rule 10.11 of the ASX Limited and for all other purposes, the proposed issue by the Company of the shares to Goward Pty Limited as specified in the Explanatory Memorandum attached to and forming part of this Notice of Meeting, be approved."

#### **Voting Exclusion**

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 14.11 the Company will disregard any votes cast on this resolution by Goward Pty Limited and any other person who might obtain a benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of ordinary securities, if the resolution is passed; and any of their associates.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the Proxy Form; or
- (b) it is cast by the Chairman as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form to vote as the proxy decides.

#### 5. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a **special resolution**:

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities totaling up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company (at the time of issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement."

#### **Voting Exclusion**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by a person (and any associates of such a person) who may participate in the 10% Placement Facility and a person who might obtain a benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of Shares, if Resolution 4 is passed.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the Proxy Form; or
- (b) it is cast by the Chairman as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form to vote as the proxy decides.

#### 6. Resolution 5 – Election of a Director – Mr Matthew Roberts

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That, for all purposes, Mr Matthew Roberts having been appointed a Director and retiring in accordance with the Company's Constitution, is hereby elected a Director of the Company, such election to be conditional on the completion of the Rights Issue announced to the ASX on 23 October, 2015 and on receipt of the underwritten monies referred to therein."

#### 7. Resolution 6 – Election of a Director – Mr Neill Arthur

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That, for all purposes, Mr Neill Arthur having been appointed a Director and retiring in accordance with the Company's Constitution, is hereby elected a Director of the Company, such election to be conditional on completion of the Rights Issue announced to the ASX on 23 October 2015 and receipt of the underwritten monies referred to therein."

#### **Explanatory Statement**

The accompanying Explanatory Statement forms part of this Notice and should be read in conjunction with it.

#### **Proxies**

Please note that:

- (a) a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy;
- (b) a proxy need not be a member of the Company;
- (c) a Shareholder may appoint a body corporate or an individual as its proxy;
- (d) a body corporate appointed as a Shareholder's proxy may appoint an individual as its representative to exercise any of the powers that the body may exercise as the Shareholder's proxy; and
- (e) Shareholders entitled to cast two or more votes may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise, but where the proportion or number is not specified, each proxy may exercise half of the votes.

The enclosed proxy form provides further details on appointing proxies and lodging proxy forms. If a Shareholder appoints a body corporate as its proxy and the body corporate wishes to appoint an individual as its representative, the body corporate should provide that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority may be sent to the Company or its share registry in advance of the Annual General Meeting or handed in at the Annual General Meeting when registering as a corporate representative.

# **Voting Entitlements**

In accordance with Regulations 7.11.37 and 7.11.38 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth), the Board has determined that a person's entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting will be the entitlement of that person set out in the register of Shareholders as at 11.00am (AEST) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Accordingly, transactions registered after that time will be disregarded in determining Shareholder's entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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**Mark Ohlsson** 

Company Secretary

29th October 2015

# **Explanatory Statement**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of Shareholders in relation to the business to be conducted at the Company's Annual General Meeting.

The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide Shareholders with all information known to the Company which is material to a decision on how to vote on the resolution in the accompanying Notice.

This Explanatory Statement should be read in conjunction with the Notice.

#### 1. Financial Statements and Reports

The Corporations Act requires the annual financial report, the directors' report and the auditor's report for the last financial year to be laid before the Annual General Meeting. The financial statements and reports are contained in the Company's Annual Report. Shareholders who have elected to receive the Annual Report will have been provided with a copy. The Annual Report is also available on ASX's website.

While no resolution is required in relation to this item, Shareholders will be given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the financial statements and reports.

# 2. Resolution 1 – Approval of Remuneration Report

Section 249L(2) of the Corporations Act requires a company to inform shareholders that a resolution on the Remuneration Report will be put at the Annual General Meeting. However, section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act expressly provides that the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors of the Company.

The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company. The Remuneration Report is part of the Directors' report contained in the Annual Report.

If at least 25% of the votes on the Resolution are voted against adoption of the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting, and then again at the Company's 2016 annual general meeting, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of an extraordinary general meeting to consider the appointment of directors of the Company ("**Spill Resolution**").

If more than 50% of Shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the Company must convene the extraordinary general meeting ("Spill Meeting") within 90 days of the Company's 2016 annual general meeting. All of the Directors who were in office when the Company's 2016 Directors' report was approved, other than the Managing Director of the Company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting. Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as Directors is approved will be the Directors of the Company.

Pursuant to the Corporations Act, if you elect to appoint a member of Key Management Personnel or any Closely Related Party as your proxy, other than the Chairman, to vote on Resolution 1 then **you must direct the proxy on how they are to vote**. If your proxy is a member of Key Management Personnel or any Closely Related Party, other than the Chairman, and you do not direct your proxy on how to vote on Resolution 1, your vote will not be counted in computing the required majority.

If you appoint the Chairman as your proxy, and do not direct him how to vote, the Chairman will vote your proxy as he decides. The Chairman intends voting all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

Please see the Proxy Form for further information on such appointments.

In accordance with section 250SA of the Corporations Act, the Chairman will provide a reasonable opportunity for discussion of the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of a Director – Prof lan Plimer

Professor Ian Plimer BSc [Hons], PhD, FGS, FTSE, FAusIMM, is Emeritus Professor at The University of Melbourne where he was Professor and Head (1991-2005). He was Professor of Geology (University of Newcastle 1985-1991) and Professor of Mining Geology (University of Adelaide 2005-2012). He has been awarded the prestigious Leopold von Buch Medal for Science, the Centenary Medal, the Eureka Prize (twice) and is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Professor Plimer's main geological interests are in ore deposits in base metal deposits (particularly in Broken Hill) and epithermal precious metals. He serves on the Boards of listed companies Silver City Minerals Ltd [ASX:SCI; 21st Feb. 2011-present]; Kefi Minerals Ltd (AIM:KEFI]; (Nov. 2006-present); Lakes Oil NL [ASX:LKO], (27th January 2013 – present), Sun Resources NL (23th September 2014 – present) and unlisted companies Hancock Prospecting companies [Roy Hill Holdings Pty Ltd, Hope Downs Iron Ore Pty Ltd, Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd] and TNT Mines Ltd. He was on the Boards of CBH Resources Ltd (1998-2010), Ormil Energy Ltd (2010-2012) and Inova Resources Ltd (2007-2013).

#### 4. Resolution 3 – Issue of shares to Goward Pty Ltd

Goward Pty Ltd is a company controlled by Mr Tracey Lake, a director of the Company. Goward Pty Ltd was entitled to receive \$200,000 in the Financial Year ending 30 June, 2015 for the provision of Mr Lake's services to the Company. Goward Pty Ltd took up its full entitlement in the May 2015 Non-renounceable Rights Issue and applied for an additional 40,000,000 shares from the Rights Issue Shortfall Facility.

#### **ASX Listing Rules**

ASX Listing Rule 10.11 provides that a Company must not issue or agree to issue equity securities to a related party such as a director, without the Company first obtaining the approval by ordinary resolution of its shareholders.

The Company is seeking approval of shareholders under ASX Listing Rule 10.11 to allow the Company to issue shares to Goward Pty Ltd, previously applied for from the May 2015 Rights Issue Shortfall Facility in satisfaction of \$80,000 fees owing. If the shareholders approve the issue of the shares under ASX Listing Rule 10.11 approval is not required under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and as a result, the shares will not be taken into account in determining whether a future issue of securities would result in the15% cap imposed by ASX Listing Rule 7.1 being exceeded.

The following additional information is provided with respect to the issue of the shares:

- the name of the person to whom the shares are to be issued is Goward Pty Ltd.
- the maximum number of shares to be issued is 40,000,000.
- the date by which the shares will be issued will be not later than one month after the date of this
  meeting.
- Mr Tracey Lake, a director of the Company controls Goward Pty Ltd.
- the issue price of the shares is \$0.002. The shares are fully paid ordinary shares and the shares rank equally with existing shares.
- there will be no fresh funds raised from the issue of the shares, as the shares will be issued in satisfaction of fees owing.

#### **Arm's Length Dealing**

The directors, not including Mr Lake, consider that the terms on which the shares are to be issued are reasonable in the circumstances as if the Company and Goward Pty Ltd were dealing at arm's length.

#### 5. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility

#### 5.1 General

Listing Rule 7.1A enables eligible entities to issue Equity Securities totalling up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a 12 month period after the entity's annual general meeting ("10% Placement Facility"). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

An eligible entity for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A is an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity.

The Company is now seeking shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility.

The exact number of Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to Section 4.2(c) below).

The Board believes that Resolution 4 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution.

## 5.2 Description of Listing Rule 7.1A

#### (a) Shareholder approval

The ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility is subject to shareholder approval by way of a special resolution at an annual general meeting.

#### (b) Equity Securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility must be in the same class as an existing quoted class of Equity Securities of the Company.

As at the date of the Notice, the Company has the following Equity Securities on issue:

(i) 847,984,515 Ordinary Shares.

#### (c) Formula for calculating 10% Placement Facility

Listing Rule 7.1A.2 provides that eligible entities which have obtained shareholder approval at an annual general meeting may issue or agree to issue, during the 12 month period after the date of the annual general meeting, a number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$(A \times D) - E$$

- **A** is the number of shares on issue 12 months before the date of issue or agreement:
  - (A) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2;
  - (B) plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the 12 months;
  - (C) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.4. This does not include an issue of fully paid shares under the entity's 15% placement capacity without shareholder approval;

(D) less the number of fully paid shares cancelled in the 12 months.

Note that A has the same meaning as in Listing Rule 7.1 when calculating an entity's 15% placement capacity.

- **D** is 10%.
- is the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 months before the date of the issue or agreement to issue that are not issued with the approval of shareholders under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4.

## (d) Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A

The ability of an entity to issue Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A is in addition to the entity's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

The actual number of Equity Securities that the Company will have capacity to issue under Listing Rule 7.1A will be calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to Section 5.2(c) above).

### (e) Minimum Issue Price

The issue price of Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be not less than 75% of the VWAP of Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 Trading Days immediately before:

- the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed;
   or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 Trading Days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

#### (f) 10% Placement Period

Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A is valid from the date of the annual general meeting at which the approval is obtained and expires on the earlier to occur of:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the annual general meeting at which the approval is obtained; or
- (ii) the date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking),

or such longer period if allowed by ASX ("10% Placement Period").

#### 5.3 Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, information is provided in relation to the approval of the 10% Placement Facility as follows:

- (a) The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities over the 15 ASX trading days immediately before:
  - (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed; or
  - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 ASX trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

- (b) If Resolution 4 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the below table (in the case of Listed Options, only if the Listed Options are exercised). There is a risk that:
  - the market price for the Company's Equity Securities may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than on the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
  - (ii) the Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for the Company's Equity Securities on the issue date or the Equity Securities are issued as part of consideration for the acquisition of a new asset,

which may have an effect on the amount of funds raised by the issue of the Equity Securities.

The below table shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the current market price of Shares and the current number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 as at the date of this Notice.

#### The table also shows:

- (iii) two examples where variable "A" has increased, by 50% and 100%. Variable "A" is based on the number of ordinary securities the Company has on issue. The number of ordinary securities on issue may increase as a result of issues of ordinary securities that do not require Shareholder approval (for example, a pro rata entitlements issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule 7.1 that are approved at a future Shareholders' meeting; and
- (iv) two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 50% as against the current market price.

Variable A in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		Dilution		
		\$0.001 50% decrease in Market Price	\$0.002 Current Market Price	\$0.004 100% increase in Market Price
Current Variable A 847,984,515	10% Voting Dilution	84,798,452 Shares	84,798,452 Shares	84,798,452 Shares
	Funds raised	\$84,798	\$169,597	\$339,194
50% increase in current Variable A 1,271,976,773	10% Voting Dilution	127,197,677 Shares	127,197,677 Shares	127,197,677 Shares
	Funds raised	\$127,198	\$254,395	\$508,791
100% increase in current Variable A 1,695,969,030	10% Voting Dilution	169,596,903 Shares	169,596,903 Shares	169,596,903 Shares
	Funds raised	\$169,597	\$339,194	\$678,388

#### The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- 1. The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- 2. No Listed Options (including any Listed Options issued under the 10% Placement Facility) are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities;
- 3. The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
- 4. The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Facility, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 5. The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

- 6. The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares. If the issue of Equity Securities includes Listed Options, it is assumed that those Listed Options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
- 7. The issue price is \$0.002, being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 28th October 2015.
- (c) The Company will only issue and allot the Equity Securities during the 10% Placement Period. The approval under Resolution 4 for the issue of the Equity Securities will cease to be valid in the event that Shareholders approve a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (d) The Company may seek to issue the Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility to raise funds for working capital, for geochemical sampling and drilling on the Company's projects and as consideration for the acquisition of assets or to pay for services provided to the Company or its subsidiaries. Accordingly, Equity Securities may be issued for non-cash consideration.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities.

The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Facility. The identity of the allottees of Equity Securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

- (i) the purpose of the issue;
- (ii) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company including, but not limited to, rights issue or other issue in which existing security holders can participate;
- (iii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iv) the financial situation and solvency of the Company;
- (v) prevailing market conditions; and
- (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but are likely to be investors which are sophisticated or professional investors (or both) for the purposes of section 708 of the Corporations Act.

If the Company is successful in acquiring new resources assets or investments, it is likely that the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility will be the vendors of the new resources assets or investments.

(e) The Company obtained Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2014 Annual General Meeting. However no securities have been issued pursuant to this approval. The total number of Equity Securities issued in the twelve months preceding the date of the meeting is 158,887,434 Ordinary shares representing 23% of the Equity Securities on issue at the commencement of period.

Details of all issues of Equity Securities during the 12 months preceding the date of the meeting are as follows:

Date of Issue:	26/11/2014
Number issued:	7,953,428
Class/type of securities:	Ordinary shares
Name of persons who received securities or	Creditors
basis on which those persons was	

determined:	
Price:	0.5 cent per share
Discount to market (if any):	nil
Total cash consideration received:	Nil (issued to extinguish debt)
Amount of cash consideration spent:	n/a
Use of cash consideration:	n/a
Intending use of remaining amount of cash (if	n/a
any)	

Date of Issue:	26/11/2014
Number issued	10,000,000
Class/type of securities:	Ordinary shares
Name of persons who received securities or basis on which those persons was determined:	Creditors
Price:	0.4 cent per share
Discount to market (if any):	Nil
Total cash consideration received:	Nil (issued to extinguish debt)
Amount of cash consideration spent:	n/a
Use of cash consideration:	n/a
Intending use of remaining amount of cash (if any)	n/a

Date of Issue:	2/6/15
Number issued	140,934,006
Class/type of securities:	Ordinary shares
Name of persons who received securities or	Rights Issue to shareholders
basis on which those persons was	
determined:	
Price:	0.2 cent per share
Discount to market (if any):	Nil
Total cash consideration received:	\$170,985.85
Amount of cash consideration spent:	\$170,985.85
Use of cash consideration:	\$140,000 (Mining & exploration)
	\$30,985.85 (Corporate)
Intending use of remaining amount of cash	n/a

(f) A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice. At the date of the Notice, the Company has not approached any particular existing Shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of the Equity Securities. No existing Shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice.

## 6. Resolution 5 – Re-election of a Director – Mr Matthew Roberts

Mr Matthew Roberts is a non-executive director of Australian Metals Group Limited, and a director of Atlantic Pacific Securities Pty Ltd and is the Managing Director of Ascot Securities Pty Ltd and has extensive industry experience. He has a proven track record of successfully building financial services businesses both in Australia and the UK. Matt is a Master of the SAA.

# 7. Resolution 6 - Re-election of a Director - Mr Neill Arthur

Mr Neill Arthur Eur Ing; BE Chem (Hons, Adelaide), Chairman of Arthur Management Services Pty Ltd and non-executive director of Australian Metals Group Limited. Neill is a former Managing Director of Aulron Energy Limited, an ASX S&P 200, UK and German listed public company involved in gold, iron ore (in South Australia), base metals and coal exploration, power and mining development projects in Australia, EU, North America and Asia. Neill has been Chairman and/or a director of listed and unlisted public companies in Australia and overseas with over four decades of experience, and was a Director of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy from 2004 to 2010.



