

DRC Mining Industry Awards finalists announced

Randgold Resources, Kamoto Copper Company, Tenke Fungurume and MMG are among the leading names that have been nominated for the inaugural DRC Mining Industry Awards, which will be announced at the gala dinner ceremony during iPAD DRC Mining & Infrastructure Indaba on 22 October, 2014, in Kinshasa.



"The response from the industry has been overwhelming and each and every category is hotly contested, from Mining Company of the Year to Best Social Investment, Lifetime Achievement and Environmental Management," said iPAD DRC Event Director, Nicole Smith.

She explained: "We have received dozens and dozens of entries, and what is gratifying is that the nominated companies and individuals have all made such important contributions to the mining sector in the DRC over the last decade. The judges have a tough job choosing the final winners, I do not envy them."

This year's tenth edition of the annual iPAD DRC Mining & Infrastructure Indaba sees the launch of the DRC Mining Industry Awards during the gala dinner on 22 October at Hotel Memling in Kinshasa. Smith said the public was invited to take part in the nomination process "to celebrate the success and the loyalty of our event participants during the past 10 years, recognising excellence within the sector and honouring the leading lights in mining".

The DRC Mining Industry Awards nominations per category are:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual for achievements that have made an outstanding contribution to and impact on the DRC's mining industry, whether from a public or private company or institution.

Nominees:

- Mark Bristow - Chief Executive of Randgold Resources;
- Frederick Davidson - President & CEO of Energold Drilling Corp;
- Jillian D'Urso - Senior Advisor - Stakeholder Relations of MMG;

- Jean-Félix Mupande - Director General of Cadastre Minier;
- Guy Nzuru - General Manager of Ivanhoe Mines DRC SARL;
- Claude Polet - Managing Director of Tenke Fungurume;
- Michel Santos - Social Development Manager of MMG;
- Deven Shiganla - CEO of Rutu Technology;
- Simon Tuma Waku - Vice President of Chambers of Mines; and
- Louis Watum - Director General of Kibali Gold Project.

• **Best performer in Environmental Management:** This award celebrates the accomplishments within the past year of a company or an individual in a senior position from a mining house who has implemented programme/s that are excellent examples of the integration of environmental management into the core business strategy and continue to champion sustainable environmental practices.

Nominees:

- Energold;
- Tenke Fungurume;
- Ivanplats;
- Mutanda Mining;
- Randgold; and
- Banro.

• **Best performer in Occupational Health and Safety:** This award celebrates the mining project that has excelled in promoting an holistic health and safety culture, in compliance with regulations and standards.

Nominees:

- Energold;
- Tenke Fungurume;
- Kamoto Copper Company;
- Banro;
- Kibali Gold Project;
- Randgold; and
- Kamo Project.

• **Best performer in Social Investment:** This award celebrates the mining house that has excelled in implementing a clear social investment framework that provides a catalyst for development, namely one that establishes an agenda for the future; assesses priorities for development; ensures compatible land uses; resolves land use conflicts and engages local communities in CSR planning.

Nominees:

- Energold;
- Tenke Fungurume;
- Mutanda Mining;
- Ivanplats;
- Kibali Gold Project;
- Banro;
- MMG;
- Randgold;
- Kamoto Copper Company;
- Kipoi Mining;

- Gertler Family Foundation; and
- Kamoia Project.

• Best performer in Innovation: Award for the mining house that has rolled out state-of-the-art mining technology and innovation creating production efficiency and streamlined processes.

Nominees:

- Energold;
- Tiger Congo;
- Tenke Fungurume;
- Banro;
- Kamoto Copper Company;
- Kibali Gold Project; and
- Kipoi Mining.

• Best performer in Engineering: This is awarded to the EPCM company that has been involved with a mining project over the last two years and has exhibited the highest quality of engineering and design. The recipient of this award is recognised for effective study and/or project management skills, working within budget and deadline to provide their client with the most optimal and efficient mining and/or processing application.

Nominees:

- Societe Commerciale de Kisenge Manganese;
- Kibali Gold Project;
- Tiger Congo;
- Rutu Technology;
- Tenke Fungurume;
- Randgold; and
- Group 5.

• Mining Company of the Year: This award celebrates the mining company that, overall, has achieved top results in terms of output, cost savings, employee satisfaction, innovation and contributed to the overall development and growth of the sector in the DRC.

Nominees:

- Tenke Fungurume;
- Kibali Gold Project;
- Mopani Mining;
- Banro;
- Kamoto Copper Company; and
- Randgold.

The DRC's Chamber of Mines has given its full support to the initiative while the leading mining publication and portal, *Mining Review Africa*, is the official media partner for the DRC Mining Industry Awards.

The iPad DRC Mining & Infrastructure Indaba remains the only mining focused event in the DRC and the region, and still enjoys the unfailing support and input from the government and the industry. Last year, the conference and exhibition welcomed more than 500 attendees.

iPAD DRC Mining & Infrastructure Indaba dates and location:

- Conference and expo: 22 and 23 October
- Power pre-conference : 21 October
- Venue: Kempinski Fleuve Congo Hotel, 119 Boulevard Tshatshi, Kinshasa Gombe, DRC
- Awards Gala: 22 October - Venue: Memling Hotel, Kinshasa

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